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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/5/68

Attached refers to advisors and associates of the late Martin Luther King, in New York, who are planning to go to Atlanta and Memphis, in light of the assassination of King. They are reconsidering joining the 4/8/68 march in Memphis, in support of sanitation workers there and the poor peoples march King had planned for Washington, D. C. during April, 1968. (S)

Atlanta has been advised. Memphis and WFO will be advised. (u)

Pertinent parts of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department. (u)

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 (CODED)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO- ATLANTA.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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(INFORMATION

TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED APRIL FOUR SIXTY EIGHT,  
THAT ON THE NIGHT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL, ON  
LEARNING OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, INITIALLY  
DECIDED TO GET FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO MEMPHIS FOR SIX  
PERSONS. THESE RESERVATIONS INTENDED FOR WACHTEL AND  
HIS WIFE, LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES, HARRY BELAFONTE, AND  
POSSIBLY BAYARD RUSTIN. DURING COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS,  
WACHTEL MENTIONED HE WAS CALLED BY RUSTIN WHO HAD BEEN

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CALLLED BY JIM LAWSON (IN MEMPHIS) AND SAID THEY ARE TRYING  
TO GET ALL TYPES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS DOWN THERE (MEMPHIS)  
TO KEEP THINGS FROM BREAKING WIDE OPEN. LEVISON FELT HE AND  
WACHTEL SHOULD GO TO MEMPHIS SO THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO  
PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WHICH THE (SCLC) STAFF WILL BE FACED  
WITH. LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT HE MEANT ~~THEY~~ <sup>THEY</sup> SOULD GO ON  
"THIS MARCH" (MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT)

AND "THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN).  
LEVISON SAID HE THINKS "WE'VE GOT TO BE ANGRY". HE ADDED THAT  
YOUNG IS PROBABLY THINKING THERE ARE MANY NEGROES WHO ARE  
GOING TO GET HYSTERICAL AND GO OUT AND GET THEMSELVES SHOT.

LATER, LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA,  
NOT MEMPHIS, AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE AND LET WACHTEL  
AND OTHERS WORRY ABOUT THEMSELVES. *(85)*

ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY, ADVISED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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(OO:AT)

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Re NY teletypes 4/4,5/68. (u)

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) containing information from [REDACTED] on 4/4,5/68, about the reaction of STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL and HARRY BELAFONTE to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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New York, New York  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 4, 1968, that on that night, following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel and Stanley Levison and Harry Belafonte held several discussions on what they should do. It was initially agreed by Levison and Wachtel that they should go to Memphis that night so they could be of assistance there. Wachtel told Levison that he had been called by Bayard Rustin who in turn, had been called by Jim Lawson (SCLC representative in Memphis, Tennessee) and said they were trying to get all kinds of civil rights leaders down there (Memphis) to keep things from breaking wide open. let

During their discussions, Levison told Wachtel that he felt they should go to Memphis because he thought there would be a whole series of perplexing questions which the (SCLC) staff would be faced with and that he and Wachtel could make a contribution. Levison said he meant (questions such as) should they go on with "this march" (the Memphis march scheduled for April 8, 1968) and should they go on with "the Washington thing" (the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C.). 451

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wachtel secured plane reservations for six persons to fly to Memphis the night of April 4, 1968. Wachtel felt that he and his wife, Stanley Levison, Clarence Jones, Harry Belafonte and possibly Bayard Rustin would make the trip. (S)

Levison preferred not to have Rustin present at any meeting they might have (in Memphis) because he believed the rest of the (SCLC) staff would feel hostile. (S)

Thereafter, Levison and Wachtel began to doubt the wisdom of going to Memphis that night since they could not hold any important discussions or make any important decisions. Wachtel noted that the most important thing they would try to do is not to have violence in King's name. He indicated that Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the SCLC, has taken that approach. Levison stated this is not the kind of approach he would have taken, that he did not mean to tell them not to be calm or to urge them into violence, but that he feels the point they should be making is, what kind of system is it that produces such a thing (King's death) when he starts to fight for the lowly, like the garbage men. Levison said that in other words he thought "we've got to be angry". Levison added that Andrew Young was probably thinking that there are a great many Negroes who are going to get hysterical and go out and get themselves shot down. (S)

Levison subsequently told Harry Belafonte that he had talked with Jesse Jackson, an SCLC official, who told him not to come to Memphis. Levison and Belafonte agreed to fly to Atlanta at 11:30 AM on Friday, April 5, 1968. Levison told Belafonte to make the reservations for the two of them and to let Harry Wachtel and the others worry about themselves. (S)

On April 5, 1968, the same source learned that Andrew Young contacted Stanley Levison on that date. They discussed King's successor and agreed that Ralph (Abernathy, an SCLC official) was the only logical choice. Young stated that they were going to call a press conference on the morning of April 5, 1968, "To sort of straighten things out" and to announce the establishment of the Martin Luther King Fund to perpetuate his memory. Young noted that Senator Robert Kennedy had put his plane at their disposal. (S)

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Young and Levison agreed to meet at the (King)  
house in Atlanta around 1:30 PM. (S)

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(S)-

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President  
of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New  
York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers  
Guild is attached hereto.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.



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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

~~X~~ In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-11, 1957.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (S)(u)

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, Benjamin J. Davis was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., *RACIAL MATTER*

ON APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, LT. E. H. ARKIN, MEMPHIS  
*Police Department*  
POLICE INSPECTORIAL BUREAU, ADVISED THAT THE FUNERAL OF LARRY PAYNE,  
SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD NEGRO WHO WAS SHOT BY MEMPHIS PD OFFICER  
AFTER STORE LOOTING GROWING OUT OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT RACIAL  
DISTURBANCE, MEMPHIS, WAS HELD, WITHOUT INCIDENT, AT CLAYBORN  
TEMPLE, MEMPHIS. ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED IN ATTENDANCE DESPITE FACT  
CHURCH CAN SEAT TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED. BODY INTERRED IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER FUNERAL. ARKIN ADVISED THAT ANOTHER SANITATION  
WORKERS SYMPATHY MARCH IS SCHEDULED FOR DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AFTERNOON  
OF APRIL TWO.

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EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED ON APRIL TWO THAT MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., AND SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) AIDES  
BARBARA E. ALLENBATHY, BERNARD LEE, AND ANDREW M. YOUNG DUE TO ARRIVE  
MEMPHIS TEN FIFTEEN A.M., APRIL THREE, FROM ATLANTA.

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Include in letter to White House  
and Attorney General. Date 4-3-68  
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ON APRIL TWO A SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYTON TEMPLE, APRIL TWO, REV. JESSE JACKSON OF SCLC'S "OPERATION BREAD BASKET," REV. S. D. KYLES OF METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, AND REV. EDWARD L. BROWN, MT. PISGAH CME CHURCH, ADVISED THAT WITH SCLC PERSONNEL IN MEMPHIS THAT NIGHTLY MASS STRIKE SUPPORT MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED, THE FIRST AT MASON TEMPLE ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE WITH KING AS FEATURED SPEAKER. THEY SAID MASS MARCH WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE, AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE SCHOOL CHILDREN PARTICIPATE SINCE MARCHING WITH "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN," WOULD BE MORE EDUCATIONAL THAN BEING IN SCHOOL. WHEN ASKED BY PRESS IF KING WOULD PERSONALLY MARCH, JACKSON SAID KING MIGHT NOT MARCH. HE DID NOT ELABORATE. WHEN ASKED IF SCLC GROUP WOULD VIOLATE A POSSIBLE INJUNCTION AGAINST THEIR MARCHING, JACKSON SAID "THE WHITE MAN HAS ALREADY ENSLAVED THE BLACK MAN TO THE GHETTO AND THE WHITE MAN DOESN'T NEED TO VALIDATE IT BY SENDING US A PIECE OF PAPER." KYLES SAID THE PROBLEM FACING MEMPHIS IS NOT MILITANT BLACK YOUTH BUT IS "WHITE RACISM." JACKSON DESCRIBED OPERATION BREAD BASKET AS MASSIVE

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DRIVE TO FORCE ALL GROCERS IN NEGRO AREA TO CEASE SELLING HART'S  
BREAD, WONDER BREAD, COCA COLA, AND SEALTTEST DAIRY PRODUCTS  
AS THESE FIRMS DO NOT HIRE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF NEGROES.

ON APRIL TWO LT. ARKIN ADVISED THAT MEMPHIS CITY OFFICIALS ARE  
CONSIDERING SEEKING A COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING ANY MASS MARCH  
LED BY KING OR AN INJUNCTION SPECIFYING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A MARCH  
COULD TAKE PLACE AND ALSO CONSIDERING RESUMPTION OF A CURFEW AND  
PLACING STRIKE SUPPORT LEADERS UNDER A PEACE AND FINANCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY BOND.

ARKIN ADVISED THAT REMAINDER OF TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD,  
WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE BATTERY CONSISTING OF TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY  
THREE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE MEMPHIS GUARD UNIT, HAVE LEFT MEMPHIS.

AT THREE ZERO FIVE PM, SIXTY SANITATION WORKERS AND SYMPATHIZERS  
DEPARTED CLAYTON TEMPLE CARRYING PLACARDS FOLLOWING THEIR USUAL  
PARADE MARCH TO DEALE STREET NORTH ON MAIN TO CITY HALL. NO  
INCIDENTS REPORTED.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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In response to your inquiry, I can assure you that I have never made any such statement as the one attributed to me in the letter of April 2nd, signed by you and Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

It is not possible for me to comment further inasmuch as information in FBI files must remain confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

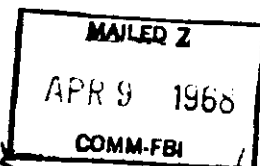
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 1, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advised that he will bring 3,000 of his followers to Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, to conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King calls this the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign."

On March 28, 1968, King led a march in Memphis, Tennessee, in support of the striking sanitation workers of that city. Shortly after the march started, a riot ensued and King fled down a side street and left the area.

On March 29, 1968, King was in conference with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning the Memphis riot. King stated he was depressed by the riot and was considering calling off the "Washington Spring Project." Levison advised King to continue his plans concerning the Washington march. Levison emphasized that King can state that the Washington march will differ from the Memphis march since King will have organized the Washington march and can stress the importance of nonviolence. (S)

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1094)

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RM. *Racial Matter*

RE MEMPHIS TELS, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.  
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT ACTIVITIES;

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE MASS MARCH TO BE LED BY  
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN SUPPORT OF SANITATION WORKERS  
STARTED AT AROUND ELEVEN AM CST WITH ESTIMATED FIVE TO SIX  
THOUSAND WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE NEGRO TEENAGERS. MARCH  
STARTED AT CLAYBORN TEMPLE, LOCATED HEART OF NEGRO AREA, AND  
KING JOINED MARCH AFTER IT PROGRESSED ONE BLOCK. HE WALKED WITH  
MARCHERS TO VICINITY BEALE AND MAIN STREETS, MADE NO SPEECHES  
PRIOR TO MARCH, MADE NO KNOWN UTTERANCES DURING MARCH, AND BY  
TIME HE REACHED ABOVE POINT RAMPANT BREAKING OF STORE WINDOWS  
AND LOOTING WAS BEING PERPETRATED BY MARCHERS, WHEREUPON KING  
AND A FEW ASSOCIATES RAN TO A NEARBY CAR AND LEFT MARCH, PROCEEDED  
TO RIVERMONT MOTEL WHERE THEY REMAINED THROUGH AFTERNOON AND  
EVENING. BY NOON, POLICE HAD BROKEN UP CROWD, BEING FORCED TO USE  
TEAR GAS, BUT SPORADIC LOOTING WAS CONTINUED THROUGH AFTERNOON

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AND EVENING, PRIMARILY CONFINED TO SOUTH CENTRAL AREA<sup>10F</sup> MEMPHIS,  
A PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO AREA, <sup>R</sup> PRIMARY TARGET OF LOOTERS BEING  
LIQUOR STORES AND SMALL GROCERIES.

TENNESSEE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY PASSED CURFEW BILL, WHICH  
WAS INVOKED BY MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB, EFFECTIVE SEVEN PM,  
AND THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FROM MEMPHIS  
AND WEST TENNESSEE ARE CURRENTLY ON DUTY IN MEMPHIS OPERATING AS  
TACTICAL UNITS, BEING ACCOMPANIED ON THEIR PATROLS BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF MEMPHIS PD.

SCHEDULED MASS RALLY TO FEATURE <sup>11G</sup> KKK NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY  
EIGHT CANCELED. AT TWELVE MIDNIGHT, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, THREE  
HUNDRED ARRESTS, PRIMARILY RELATING TO LOOTING AND CURFEW VIOLATIONS  
HAVE BEEN MADE BY POLICE DEPT. FOUR INDIVIDUALS  
HAVE BEEN SHOT, ONE OF THESE, A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOY, WAS KILLED  
IN ACT OF LOOTING A STORE. THREE OTHERS WERE SHOT, TWO BY  
POLICE OFFICERS AND ONE BY A STOREKEEPER WHILE LOOTING, NONE  
SERIOUSLY INJURED.

AGE THREE

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT KING, RALPH ABERNATHY, AND BERNARD LEE, FAILED TO LEAVE MEMPHIS ON EASTERN FLIGHT THREE NINE EIGHT, NINE ZERO FIVE CST, DUE TO ARRIVE ATLANTA ELEVEN ZERO THREE PM EST. THIS ALSO CANCELS KING'S AND LEE'S FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA SIX TWENTY AM MARCH TWENTY NINE DUE TO ARRIVE BALTIMORE SEVEN FORTY TWO AM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED KING PLANNING TO STAY IN MEMPHIS AT RIVERMONT HOTEL TONIGHT, FUTURE PLANS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME. P.

~~CORR PAGE TWO, PARA ONE, LINE ONE WORDS EIGHT, NINE, AND TEN SHLD BE "AREA OF MEMPHIS" AND LINE TWO, PARA ONE, WORD FIVE SHLD BE "PRIMARY"~~

~~PAGE TWO PARA THREE, LINE ONE WORD SIX SHLD BE "KING" AND LINE THREE WORD THREE SHLD BE "PRIMARY" AND A PERIOD SHLD BE BETWEEN~~

~~[REDACTED] AND FOUR "OMEXXX ON LINE FOUR."~~

~~PAGE TWO PARA ONE LINE THREE WORD ONE SHLD BE "LIQUOR"~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)  
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541)  
 WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
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 BUFILE 157-8428  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 3/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and  
 for Atlanta are four (4) copies of LHM re captioned matter.

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AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will follow and report.

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- 4 - Atlanta (2 - 157-2924) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
  - (1 - 100-5583) (KING)
- 5 - Charlotte (2 - 157-5541) (WSP)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
RACIAL MATTER

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
advised [REDACTED] that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was coming to the State of North Carolina on April 4, 1968. This source advised that Reverend KING would arrive at the Greensboro-High Point Airport at 9 A.M. He would then proceed to Thomasville, North Carolina and have a joint meeting with his followers from the Thomasville and High Point area.

After leaving Thomasville, he is to proceed to Greensboro, North Carolina, for a meeting with a group there. From Greensboro, he will proceed to Durham, North Carolina and then to the Raleigh area. From Raleigh, he will go to Rocky Mount, then to Elizabeth City. From Elizabeth City he is to go to Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, North Carolina.

At the present time he has on his schedule a visit to New Bern, however, some of the leaders in New Bern are at odds and this meeting may be canceled. From New Bern he is supposed to go to Lumberton and confer with a group of Indians. From Lumberton he will proceed to Wilmington, North Carolina and make a speech at the Williston High School in Wilmington.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This trip by the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING is to organize support for the poor people campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., on April 27, 1968.

If the New Bern meeting is canceled by Reverend KING or the leadership there, KING will schedule a visit to Charlotte, North Carolina, on this same date.

The March 26, 1968, edition of "The Charlotte Observer", a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, contained a story which stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and organized labor will support Dr. REGINALD A. HAWKINS, a Negro dentist from Charlotte, North Carolina, in his quest for the governorship of North Carolina. The story further relates HAWKINS and GOLDEN FRINKS, regional representative of the SCLC, announced Monday, March 25, 1968, that KING would make a one day tour of this state on April 4, 1968. He is scheduled to land in Charlotte around 9 A.M. and then visit Durham, Greensboro, Rocky Mount and possibly New Bern before ending the trip with a dinner speech in Wilmington. FRINKS further stated the newspaper article that if time permits, KING will visit Greenville, a slum area in Charlotte, before leaving for a ministers' conference.

KING is then scheduled to have lunch in one of Durham's poverty areas and then, FRINKS said, hold a "mock trial of the power structure" as poor people bring in grievances on welfare and housing.

KING is also scheduled to participate in a "Voter Registration march" at the election office in Rocky Mount and then go to Wilmington for a speech at the Williston High School auditorium.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the Washington Spring Project.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) (157-8428)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10392) (157-794)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM / C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
RM

BUFILE: (100-106670)

BUFILE: (157-8428)

Re JN airtel to Bureau dated 2/16/68 and LHM re KING'S visit to JN 2/15/68, dated 2/16/68, copies of which are enclosed for Chicago Division.

The following investigation was conducted by IC

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], advised on 3/21/68 that 1968 Illinois license 225 058 was issued 11/15/67 to RICHARD A. CROWE, 1506 East -72nd Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1967 Cadillac Sedan De Ville, VIN B7-272193.

No leads being set out for CG and JN may desire to furnish more background information to CG.

- ③ - Bureau (100-106670) (157-8428) (RM)
- 1 - Jackson (100-161) (RM) (Info)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RM

Re Chicago teletypes this caption, in period  
4/4-8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth information concern-  
ing disturbance activity in Chicago as a result of KING's  
assassination. The LHM encompasses a period from the evening  
hours of 4/4/68 to the early morning hours of 4/6/68. Subsequent  
LHM's will set forth information reflecting activities occurring  
after that period.

One copy of the LHM is also being designated for  
Atlanta, Memphis and Springfield, for information.

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Chicago is continuing to follow captioned matter closely, with all sources, racial and otherwise assigned, to develop information connected with the current disturbances.

The Bureau will be advised on a current and continuing basis of all pertinent developments. As noted in the enclosed, copies are being provided to appropriate local agencies.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE

4-2-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT : The Congressional Record

Pages H2494-H2495. (Congressman Kuykendall, (R) Tennessee, spoke concerning the action of Martin Luther King in connection with the riot in Memphis and stated "Memphis, more than any other place, has exposed King's methods for what they are, trouble-making without any concrete purpose of bettering the condition of the poor. . . . I hope this exposure will wake people up to the evil results of his activities before it is too late and freedom is destroyed in America for all, whatever their color." Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, added "I think this Dr. King, to whom the gentleman refers, is the same man who in November 1965 was described by J. Edgar Hoover as being not one of the most notorious liars in America, but the most notorious liar in America, and Mr. Hoover, until this time, has not retracted that statement."

Pages E2506-E2507. (Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, extended his remarks concerning the activities of Martin Luther King pointing out that King "is now doing to himself what many of us have been trying in vain to do for some years. He is finally removing his mask. There has never been any doubt in my mind that he is a master of deceit. . . . Now he has duped so many people, particularly the liberal clergymen who flock behind him, is still a mystery but like most demagogues he is finally becoming the architect of his own undoing. . . . last year I outlined the various statements of Reverend King which more than gave credibility to the charge by J. Edgar Hoover that he was the Nation's 'most notorious liar.' I am heartily in accord with the FBI who is in an excellent position to know just how true this statement is."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-1-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 2-6-81 BY SP4JAM/ll

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 3/26/68  
enclosing LHM, and Charlotte telephone call to Memphis 4/2/68.Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
in captioned matter; copies also being furnished Atlanta,  
WFO, and one copy to Memphis for information. Information  
in LHM received on 4/2/68 pertaining to KING's activities furnished  
by ASAC CLIFTON O. HALTER, Memphis Division, to SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Charlotte, N. C. b7(c)In view of information in LHM, it appears that  
KING's itinerary relating to N. C. will be postponed. Charlotte  
will follow through sources and informants and keep the Bureau  
fully advised of activities in the Charlotte Division  
relating to Washington Spring Project.(4) - Bureau (Encls. - 11) (RM)  
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Charlotte, North Carolina  
April 2, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to memorandum prepared at  
Charlotte, North Carolina, March 26, 1968, concerning captioned  
matter.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publically announced  
he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the  
Nation's Capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort  
to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to  
the Negroes.

The April 1, 1968, edition of the "Charlotte News,"  
a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper entitled  
"KING May Cancel Visit" stating in part as follows:

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will probably cancel  
his scheduled Thursday visit to North Carolina,  
says a spokesman for the Negro civil rights leader."

"Dr. KING announced plans Sunday for returning to  
Memphis, Tennessee."

"The spokesman said the North Carolina visit  
may be postponed until another day or another week."

"KING's one-day campaign was to have included  
stops in Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Wilson,  
New Bern, and Wilmington, N. C."

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
RACIAL MATTERS

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On April 2, 1968, information was received that MARTIN LUTHER KING was believed to have been in Atlanta, Georgia, as of 5 p.m., on April 1, 1968, and was due to depart Atlanta about noon of April 2, 1968, en route to Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to attend an Action Committee meeting on April 3, 1968. According to the information received, KING may possibly lead a march or demonstration in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, on which date he was originally scheduled to tour the State of North Carolina for the purpose of increasing interest in his Washington Spring Project. The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the Washington Spring Project.



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DATE 2-6-81 BY SP-4 JMM/1A Date: 3-29-68

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-293)(P)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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Re Bureau airtel to CV, 12-7-67.

[REDACTED] Ohio, has corresponded with the FBI in Washington, D. C. and CV on several occasions in 1966 and 1967 seeking information re various organizations. [REDACTED] in his letters indicated that he was 19 years of age in 1967 and was a member of the John Birch Society.

[REDACTED] submitted a letter to Senator FRANK J. LAUSCHE (Ohio) in Washington, D. C. in which he pointed out that he had been informed by a very reliable source that the "Rev." MARTIN L. KING had ordered a shipment of 12,000 Remington automatic rifles; [REDACTED] indicated he was aware of Dr. KING's extensive Communist background and [REDACTED] expected that the Communists would take over this country by 1975.

The Bureau instructed CV to interview [REDACTED] as to the source of this info and set out leads in an effort to verify this allegation.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on 1-5-68 and indicated he heard this allegation in a speech by [REDACTED] PETER VARANOF, an officer of "Crusade for God and Freedom" at Mentor, Ohio.

VARANOF was contacted on 2-1-68 at Timberlake, Ohio, and he indicated he heard this rumor about the guns from [REDACTED] Ohio.

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[redacted] was also interviewed on 3-22-68 at [redacted] Ohio, and he mentioned he heard the allegation from a member of his church, [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] Ohio, advised on 3-28-68 that [redacted] whose name he refused to divulge who lives in the NY area told [redacted] in approximately 2-67 about the purchase of guns by MARTIN LUTHER KING. This relative has a good friend named [redacted] name unknown in NYC, [redacted] Remington Arms Co., SI, Mass. [redacted] while visiting the Remington plant about a year ago had occasion to see some shipping orders for some large quantities of guns, one order being for one of the Arabian countries and another was for MARTIN LUTHER KING for 10,000 shotguns, having 18" barrels. [redacted] a short time later told [redacted] about seeing this order; [redacted] in a subsequent conversation told [redacted] about these guns being purchased by KING.

Since [redacted] has refused to furnish the name of [redacted] who could in time furnish the complete name of [redacted] and his address, who originally started this allegation, CV feels that a check of the Remington Arms Co. could resolve this entire affair without any further interim interviews. Therefore BS is being requested to handle this phase of this inquiry.

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##### AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

Will contact an appropriate official at the Remington Arms Co. to ascertain if MARTIN LUTHER KING ever ordered 10,000 shotguns, 18" barrels, as alleged above by [redacted] approximately a year or so ago.

#### NEW YORK (INFORMATION):

Information copies of this airtel are sent to NY as this allegation reportedly was started by [redacted] who operates a factory in NYC that makes machinery for the Remington Arms Co. No investigation is being requested of NY at this time.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

Will submit LHM suitable for dissemination as soon  
as RS covers the lead at Springfield, Mass.

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LEADING TO ATTEMPTED ASSOCIATION OF A GREAT AMERICAN CITIZEN  
AND WORLD-HONORED HUMANITARIAN, DR MARTIN LUTHER KING. I HOPE  
THAT ANY SUSPECTS WILL <sup>NOT</sup> BE "SHOT" THUS SILENCED WITHOUT THE  
TRUTH IN TRIAL BY JURY ARISING. ALTHOUGH I AM WHITE, I FEEL  
BLACK AT THIS DARK MOMENT. MOST FEEL THE PORTENT OF A BLACK  
REBELLION, RIOT AND CIVIL WAR DUE TO CRUEL BIGOTED ACTS SUCH  
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## Title:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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## Synopsis:

Reverend King's residence remains in Atlanta, Georgia, and he continues to serve as President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In addition, he serves as co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta. Reverend KING continues to solicit and/or accept assistance and advice of individuals having Communist Party background regarding his operation of SCLC and in personal matters. (u)

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DETAILS:

Where available, characterizations of individuals and organizations referred to are set forth alphabetically in Section IV of this report.

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I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

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As of March 15, 1968, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., continued to maintain his residence at 234 Sunset Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, with his wife, CORRETTA SCOTT KING, and children.

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Reverend KING continued as of March 15, 1968, to serve as President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which has its headquarters at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta. He also serves as co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, of which church his father, MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., is pastor.

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II. PERTINENT CONTACTS OF SUBJECT

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During the latter part of November 1967 Reverend KING discussed with STANLEY LEVISON the advisability of him accepting an invitation to address the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois to be held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, in February 1968. LEVISON indicated he would look into this matter further before advising Reverend KING. (S)-

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The "Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on page three, of its March 3, 1968, edition reported that tribute was paid to Dr. W.E.B. DuBois on the evening of February 23, 1968, at Carnegie Hall. The article explained this event was organized by Freedomways in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of DuBois whom it described as a "scholar, writer, teacher, organizer, and Communist". According to the article, Reverend KING delivered the address on this occasion. During his address, he stated "It is time to cease muting the fact that Dr. DuBois was a genius and chose to be a Communist. Our irrational obsessive anti-communism has led us into too many quagmires----".

B. Re Operation of SCLC

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Special Agents of the FBI on April 25, 1967, observed Reverend KING accompanied by STANLEY LEVISON at 4:43 p. m. in the immediate vicinity of SCLC headquarters. Reverend KING and LEVISON entered an automobile parked nearby which Reverend KING immediately drove away.

At 5:50 p.m., April 25, 1967, Special Agents of the FBI observed Reverend KING accompanied by STANLEY LEVISON on the main concourse of the Atlanta Airport. LEVISON proceeded to Eastern Airlines Flight #114 which he boarded. This flight departed at 6:15 p.m. en route New York City.

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C. Re Viet Nam War and Peace Issue

Reverend KING and ANDREW J. YOUNG on February 18, 1967, conferred with STANLEY LEVISON and CLEVELAND ROBINSON, Treasurer, District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO, as to Reverend KING's role in the Peace Movement. Reverend KING pointed out he was desirous of assuming a firm stand against the war in Viet Nam and becoming a leader in the Peace Movement. He noted, however, that the Peace Movement was attracting support from students and "white liberals". As a consequence, Reverend KING expressed apprehension as to SCLC losing an anticipated grant from the Ford Foundation should it become involved with a "radical group". *LSF*

Reverend KING also mentioned that JAMES BEVEL had been seeking his support but he intended delaying any commitment to BEVEL until he discussed the matter during an SCLC Research Committee meeting scheduled to be held in New York City March 6, 1967. *LSF*

YOUNG and ROBINSON expressed a desire for Reverend KING on a moral basis to assume leadership of the masses. ROBINSON felt Reverend KING should contact ministers and lead a grass roots peace movement. YOUNG believed Reverend KING should influence WALTER REUTHER of the AFL-CIO to join the Peace Move- *(2)*

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ment. Thereafter he said Reverend KING should inform President LYNDON B. JOHNSON he would no longer be associated with the administration and would fight for the Peace Movement and against military service. According to YOUNG, such a coalition of labor and civil rights groups would force a capitulation of the present administration. (S)-

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LEVISON advised he felt the most effective position for Reverend KING would be to continue as a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. In this position, LEVISON said he could draw support from the Peace Movement and exercise his influence through United States Senators JACOB JAVITS, ROBERT KENNEDY, and WILLIAM FULLBRIGHT. LEVISON suggested WALTER REUTHER could be persuaded to join the Peace Movement through his brother VICTOR REUTHER. (S)-

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The Sunday February 26, 1967, issue of "The New York Times" on page one published an article entitled, "Dr. King Advocates Quitting Vietnam". This article revealed that Reverend KING, United States Senators EUGENE J. MC CARTHY (Minnesota), GEORGE MC GOVERN (South Dakota), and ERNEST GRUENING (Alaska) participated in a conference entitled "National Priority No. 1; Redirecting American Power". on February 25, 1967, at Beverly Hills, California, conducted by "The Nation" magazine.

According to this article, Reverend KING delivered the main speech of the day and contended that the United States failure to submit its case against the North Vietnamese to the United Nations Security Council had "undermined the purpose of the UN, caused its effectiveness to atrophy, and placed our nation in the position of being morally and politically isolated". The United States activities in Viet Nam, Reverend KING said, amounted to "supporting a new form of colonialism covered up by certain niceties of complexities".

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Reverend KING further contended that the United States should get out of Viet Nam and said "the promises of the Great Society have been shot down on the battle field of Viet Nam. The pursuit of this widened war has narrowed domestic welfare programs, making the poor, white and Negroes, bear the heaviest burdens both at the front and at home. The recently revealed \$10-billion mis-estimate of the war budget alone is more than five times the amount committed to the anti-poverty programs. The security we profess to see in foreign adventures we will lose in our decaying cities."

Reverend KING observed that the United States is willing to make the Negro a 100 percent citizen in warfare but reduces him to 50 percent of a citizen on American soil.

In concluding his remarks, Reverend KING was reported to have commented that the United States is currently moving down a dead-end road that could lead to national disaster. He said, "It is time for all people of conscience to call upon America to return to her true home of brotherhood and peaceful pursuits. Those of us who love peace must organize as effectively as the war hawks." He declared the United States still has a choice "nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation".

With reference to the same conference, the "Atlanta Journal" on page three of its final edition February 25, 1967, published an article datelined Los Angeles February 25, 1967, entitled "King Declares United States Actions Like Hitler". This article pointed out Reverend KING compared the United States involvement in Viet Nam to HITLER's rise to power in Germany and quoted him as follows:

"There is grave irony in the fact HITLER could come forth, following the nakedly aggressiveness, expansionist theories he revealed in 'Mein Kampf' and do it all in the name of peace."

On February 27, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON told Reverend KING that "The New York Times" publicity on February 26, 1967, concerning his speech in Los Angeles the preceding day established his right to speak on Viet Nam. Also LEVISON told him that this conference with the United States Senators was the proper place for him to express his anti-war sentiments. ~~197~~

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On March 27, 1967, Reverend KING and STANLEY LEVISON discussed the probability that Reverend KING's current position regarding the Viet Nam war would adversely affect financial contributions to SCLC. They agreed to discuss this matter further on April 4, 1967, at a meeting to be held in New York City which would also be attended by HARRY WACHTEL and several officials of SCLC. ~~(S)~~

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The "Atlanta Constitution", daily Atlanta newspaper, on April 5, 1967, published an article on page one entitled "King Calls United States Leader in Violence". The article, reflecting the byline of AUSTIN SCOTT, revealed that on April 4, 1967, Reverend KING addressed a meeting of clergy and laymen concerned about Viet Nam held at Riverside Church, New York City. During his speech, Reverend KING referred to the United States Government as the "...greatest purveyor of violence in the world today." He called upon all ministers of draft age to give up their ministerial exempt status and seek status of conscientious objectors. He further recommended conscientious objection status "...to all who find the American course in Viet Nam dishonorable and unjust."

Reverend KING, the article reflected, stated he had planned to increase the tempo of his fight against the Viet Nam War because this war was draining the domestic progress needed to fight poverty.

On April 11, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON furnished DORA E. MC DONALD a statement he had prepared for Reverend KING to incorporate into a speech he was scheduled to deliver in Los Angeles on April 12, 1967. In this statement, LEVISON set forth several points which he desired Reverend KING utilize in his speech. These were as follows: (S)

1) He has lived in ghettos in Chicago and Atlanta and has traveled thousands of miles each month which has taken him into Negro communities throughout the nation; that his direct personal experience with Negroes in all walks of life has convinced him that the majority oppose the war in Viet Nam; and their opposition is based on two reasons. They are against the war itself and feel it has caused significant and alarming diminishing concern to civil rights progress. (S)

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2) His recent opposition to the war is attributed to many requests from Negroes that he articulate their concern and frustration. They feel that civil rights is well on its way to becoming a neglected and forgotten issue long before it is even partially solved. (S)

3) It was not true that he advocated the fusion of civil rights and the peace movement; he and SCLC have expressed their views on the war and drawn attention to its damaging effects on civil rights programs, but do not desire a merger or fusion of movements; that the war is hampering the civil rights program could not be ignored as a factor. The basic elements in common between the peace movement and the civil rights movement are human elements. (S)

4) He did not believe the nation could be a moral leader of justice, equality, and democracy if it becomes trapped in the role of a self-appointed world policeman; and that he would reiterate his determination to express his opposition to this wrong without diminishing in any way his civil rights role. (S)

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On April 12, 1967, the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner", a major metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper, reported that on April 12, 1967, Reverend KING held a news conference in conference room number seven, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, regarding his views of the Viet Nam War. Reverend KING stated he favored a cessation of bombing, unilateral withdrawal of troops and an end to American participation in this "unjust war".

During the aforementioned news conference, Reverend KING stated in part as follows:

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"I have lived and worked in ghettos throughout the nation and I travel ten of thousands of miles each month which takes me into dozens of Northern and Southern Negro communities. My direct personal experience with Negroes in all walks of life convinces me that there is deep and widespread disenchantment with the war in Viet Nam; first because they are against war itself, and secondly, because they feel it has caused a significant and alarming diminishing of concern and attention to civil rights progress. I have held these views myself for a long time but I have spoken more frequently in the recent period because Negroes in so many circles have explicitly urged me to articulate their concern and frustration. They feel civil rights is well on its way to becoming a neglected and forgotten issue long before it is even partially solved.

"Recently a myth about my views on Viet Nam has confused the clear issue. The myth credits me with advocating the fusion of the civil rights and peace movements and I am criticized for authoring such a serious tactical mistake. I hold no such view. The basic element in common between the peace movement and the civil rights movement are human elements.

"I am a clergyman as well as a civil rights leader and the moral roots of our war policy are not unimportant to me. I do not believe our nation can be a moral leader of justice, equality, and democracy if it is trapped in the role of a self-appointed world policeman."



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On May 12, 1967, Reverend KING solicited from STANLEY LEVISON his opinion of an invitation which Reverend KING had received to meet in Paris, France, with a representative of the North Vietnamese. He told LEVISON he had decided not to accept this invitation and LEVISON stated he agreed to this decision. (S)-

LEVISON suggested that since the North Vietnamese were desirous of an honest appraisal of the peace sentiment in the United States Reverend KING should suggest responsible individuals in the Peace Movement prepare such an appraisal and offer it to the North Vietnamese through a representative of the United Nations. (S)-

Reverend KING said he believed it would be best if he continued to amass Negro support against United States action in Viet Nam. He said if opposition to the United States policies in Viet Nam develop to the point it favored a cessation of United States bombing he would go to Hanoi to meet with Ho Chi Minh to urge commencement of negotiations. (S)-

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On October 11, 1967, Reverend KING discussed with STANLEY LEVISON some speeches which LEVISON had prepared for him. LEVISON told Reverend KING he had completed a manuscript for him dealing with the Viet Nam issue and pointed out this manuscript contained some different approaches than previously. (S)-

D. Re Status in Other Countries

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During the latter part of September 1967 Reverend KING discussed with ANDREW J. YOUNG, STANLEY LEVISON, and HARRY WACHTEL the desirability of him accepting an invitation he had received to go to Moscow with several other Nobel prize winners in order to meet with Ambassadors from North Viet Nam and the National Liberation Front. (S)

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The "Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution", weekly Atlanta newspaper, on page 2A of its November 5, 1967, edition published an article bylined BILL WYNN, entitled "Soviets Invite King For Vietnam Talks". This article reflected that on November 4, 1967, Reverend King said he had received an invitation to go to Russia to participate in talks aimed at ending the Viet Nam war. He explained he was one of three Nobel prize winners invited and was willing to accept the invitation if the other two individuals did so. Reverend KING, the article continued, stated there were no definite plans for the trip but declared "negotiations must be started now to bring an end to the war that is destroying the soul of this nation."

According to the article, the invitation referred to by Reverend KING had originated with the Norwegian Government and was forwarded through the Soviet Union.

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A. Individuals

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JAMES BEVEL

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

As of January 21, 1964, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

ALFRED DUCKETT

As of January 20, 1947, one ALFRED DUCKETT was a member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA).

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning the UNAVA:

- "1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, USA, which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means." (Attorney General TOM CLARK, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947).

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- "2. Cited as a Communist front formed to provoke racial friction. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 116, April 23, 1956, P. 92.)"

CAROL HOOVER

A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that MISS CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting. [REDACTED]

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the  
Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street,  
New York City.

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STANLEY LEVISON

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GEORGE MEYERS

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

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LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is Professor of Social Sciences at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He currently resides at 3704 Winterbourne Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Source said that he met LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK in 1943 through EUGENE GORDON, a staff member of the "Daily Worker" and that both GORDON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS advised him that LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was at that time a member of the CP. The source also said that REDDICK was an instructor at the Georgia Washington Carver School.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On February 5, and 11, 1954, LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, Georgia. He, at that time, stated that he was not, and had never been, a member of, or a sympathizer with, the Communist Party.

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BAYARD RUSTIN

In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11 - 8, 1964, page 76, BAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9 - 12, 1957.

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On February 19, and 20, 1964, BAYARD RUSTIN contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, DAVIS told RUSTIN that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which RUSTIN was to speak. (S)-

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

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B. Organizations

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS  
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

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On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961. X

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation. (S) -

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson. (S)

The Second Quarter, 1966, issue of "Freedomways," self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

John Henrik Clarke, Associate Editor  
Esther Jackson, Managing Editor  
J. H. O'Dell, Associate Managing Editor  
John L. Devine, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that John Henrik Clarke attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that Clarke is an "Associate" of AIMS.

On March 16, 1966, a fourth source advised that James Jackson, accompanied by his wife, Esther Jackson, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. This source described James Jackson as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA. (S)

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This source advised in July, 1962, that as of that period, O'Dell was considered by the CPUSA, as being a member of its National Committee. (S) X

On January 30, 1961, Sylvia M. Brenner Devine, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, Jack Devine, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described John Devine as a CP member.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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1 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party Functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

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A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

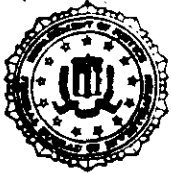
CARL BRADEN and ANNE BRADEN, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court in the prosecution of CARL BRADEN under a state sedition statute as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 28, 1965, that GEORGE MEYERS, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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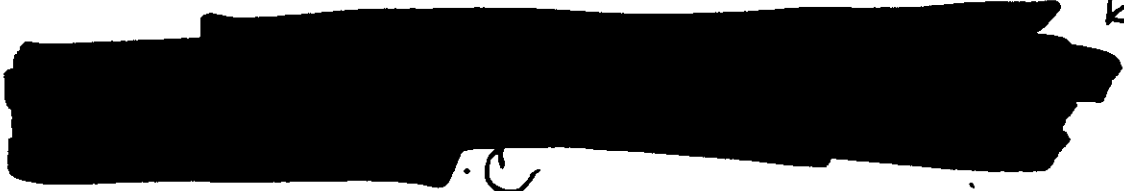
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 3/29/68, concerning a discussion between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., on KING's reaction to the violence that followed KING's leading of a march in downtown Memphis on 3/28/68. It also contains information from [redacted] on 3/31/68, concerning LEVISON's comments on an Atlanta meeting on 3/30/68. (u)

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On March 26, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), requested Stanley Levison to prepare a letter for colleges pointing out that King is not a candidate for the presidency and that there is no campaign material available. She said she wanted this letter, because due to the "Time" Magazine, College Presidential Poll in April, letters have been received from many colleges asking for campaign material and King's appearance at these colleges.

The source learned that later on March 26, 1968, Stanley Levison discussed with Martin Luther King, Jr., the request from Dora McDonald to prepare a letter stating King is not a presidential candidate. Levison suggested that King's position, on this college poll, should be to state that he, King, does not want to be included as a candidate because his candidates are those who are strongly opposed to the (Vietnam) war or those in favor of ending the war and those who support the principles of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. Levison continued that as King sees it, there are only two candidates who reflect these points of view, namely, Senators Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy, and King would prefer not to be a third candidate and split the anti-war candidates.

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## Martin Luther King

King agreed with this suggestion. He noted that he already determined that he would say he is not a candidate and is not interested in becoming one. He felt a better way to handle the requests would be to send some material such as some of his speeches. (S)

Levison commented that if King were to be a candidate in the college poll he, Levison, could envision King polling a number of votes, along with Kennedy and McCarthy, which would result in President Johnson emerging the winner in the collegiate poll. Levison pointed out that, in taking the position he suggested, King would be "blessing both McCarthy and Kennedy", and not making a choice yet between them. (S)

King stated this is the position he has followed thus far, that both are good, competent men, committed to the principles they are concerned about. He added, however, that they should be realistic enough to see that, if there is any possibility of stopping President Johnson, it will be Kennedy. (S)

Levison agreed, stating that many liberals are being sentimental and not very wise because Kennedy will have a tough job in stopping President Johnson. He said it cannot be done "with a Galahad, like McCarthy". He added that he keeps pointing out that McCarthy was less progressive than Kennedy in the past. Levison agreed with King that McCarthy has not been as strong on civil rights as has Kennedy. (S)

Levison and King agreed that President Johnson has his greatest strength among the working class and among Negroes, that McCarthy has no strength among these groups, but that Kennedy does. They agreed also that Kennedy will split the Negro vote with Levison adding that Kennedy also will split the working class vote. (S)

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King expressed the opinion that at some point along the campaign trail Kennedy and McCarthy will have to get together. Levison then criticized McCarthy's stubbornness on this point, stating that he would have expected McCarthy to say he will finish up, do a tremendous job in Wisconsin, then withdraw. (S)

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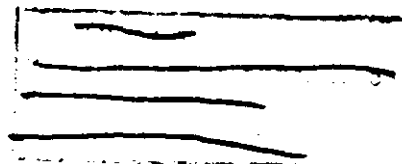
A characterization of the Mau Mau appears in the appendix attached hereto, and Charles Kenyatta is characterized therein. (u)

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN MAU MAU

The American Mau Mau was organized in Harlem, New York City, by CHARLES MORRIS, also known as Charles Kenyatta, and Charles 37X, in the Fall of 1966. A source advised that the following are the aims and objectives of the Mau Mau, as stated on a form distributed to new members: (u)

"The Mau Mau Society is a group of Afro-American militants and semi-militants who, under the direction and leadership of Charles Kenyatta, Chairman and Founder, have come together to further, or help further, the cause of Black Liberation on a world-wide as well as national scale. The Mau Mau Society is not a true organization in the true sense of the term organization but, rather, as stated, a society, a Black Society. The Mau Mau membership may come from many and any walk of life. They are bound together by one common thought, BLACK LIBERATION AND BLACK FREEDOM, NOW! This is the common thought, dream and goal. Membership in the Mau Mau body is unrestricted save that the applicant be Black, Afro-American in particular or any Black Person in general. Age, sex, previous or present affiliation or membership in any other group or organization, religion, etc., of an applicant for membership shall have no bearing upon acceptance or rejection of that application. He welcomes brothers and sisters of any and all beliefs and persuasions, requiring only that such sister or brother be in tune in some way with the Black Revolution and be BLACK." (u)

CHARLES MORRIS was a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque #7, New York City, as of August 8, 1962, according to a second confidential source. He was expelled April 6, 1964, according to a third source. CHARLES MORRIS held a position of leadership and responsibility in the Muslim Mosque Incorporated (MMI) and was a close friend of MALCOLM X LITTLE, slain founder and leader of the MMI, according to a fourth confidential source. (u)

Mrs. BERENICE BALDWIN, active member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), from 1943 until 1951, and who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, advised that CHARLES MORRIS, named above, (u)

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN MAU MAU (CONTINUED)

was a member of the Oakland Club, Lower East Side Section, District 7, CP, USA, and that registration card 72396 was issued to him on May 12, 1948. (u)

The above-mentioned CHARLES MORRIS was confined to Rockland State Hospital from August 31, 1961 through November, 1961. He was described as "Psychoneurosis-mixed type, mildly depressed, but cooperative". (u)

The headquarters of the American Mau Mau is located at 1964 Seventh Avenue, New York City. (u)

The membership is extremely fluid, but estimated between 15 and 20 by the first source. (u)

Characterizations of the Nation of Islam and the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, are also attached hereto. (u)

# Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: March 29, 1968

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SECRET

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Attached for your approval for dissemination is a letter to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House containing information that King supports United States Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy rather than President Johnson. His principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member, Stanley Levison, conferred with King and advised him of what position King should take.

The attached information is not being furnished the Attorney General. (U)

## RECOMMENDATION:

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4JAM/ld  
ON 2-6-81

The attached be furnished Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House because it would be of interest to the President. (U)

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)  
(100-106670)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1305) (P)  
(100-5056) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
OO: Atlanta

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
RM  
OO WFO

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JRM...  
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2  
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DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 3-27-88

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 3/18/68 and Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and Savannah 3/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memo concerning KING's visit to Waycross and Augusta, Ga. as well as the appearance of Rev. R. D. ABERNATHY at Savannah, Ga.

One copy of this letterhead memo is also being furnished 111th MIG, Fort McPherson, Ga.; NISO, Charleston, S.C. and U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga.

Copies of this communication and the enclosed letterhead memo are also being furnished to Atlanta and WFO.

**ENCLOSURE**

- 4 - Bureau
  - (3 - 157-8428) (Encs. 11) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-106670)
- 3 - Atlanta
  - (2 - 157-2924) (Encs. 3) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-5586)
- 2 - WFO (157-1395) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 3 - Savannah
  - (2 - 157-1305)
  - (1 - 100-5056)

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT SAVANNAH, GA.

Will continue to follow and report pertinent WSP activities in this territory.

It is noted that the activities of WSP have been confined to the reported meetings and the success of KING's recruiting appeal is unknown at this time.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta  
March 1964

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S. government on official status.
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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga. (RM)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia

March 22, 1968

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REASON FOR EXTENSION **2**  
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DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION **3-27-82**

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

On March 21, 1968, a source advised that a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, had made reservations for nine single rooms for the night of March 22, 1968 at the Holiday Inn, Savannah, Georgia.

On the same date, the "Savannah (Georgia) Morning News", a daily newspaper, announced that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, was scheduled to speak that night at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul C.M.E. Church, Savannah, Georgia, about the planned "Poor People's Campaign".

[REDACTED] b(1)  
Rev. King failed to appear the previous evening at Savannah as scheduled, reportedly because bad weather grounded his plane in Alabama. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President, SCLC, came from Atlanta and spoke to a crowd of about 500 people in the St. Paul Church, urging support for the planned demonstration in Washington, D. C. next month.

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that King's visit to Savannah, Georgia, under the auspices of the Chatham County Crusade for Freedom.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] arrangements for the A.M.E. Mount Zion Church, Waycross, to be made available on March 22, 1968 to Rev. King to make a speech about the "Poor People's Campaign".

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[REDACTED] advised that Rev. King had arrived at the Waycross Airport at 11:00 a.m.

[REDACTED] advised that the pilot of King's plane advised they expected to be in Waycross for approximately one hour.

[REDACTED] advised he was in the audience at the church when Rev. King spoke. He said King only spoke very briefly, mentioning the needs of the poor people and the ridiculousness of the expenditures on the Vietnam war when money was needed in the ghettos and for the war on poverty. He said no effort was made to recruit volunteers at the time of the speech and no information was given concerning this aspect. He estimated about 225 to 250 people attended, but that a considerable number of these people left prior to the time a collection was taken.

On the same date, [REDACTED] described above, advised that Rev. King and the individuals accompanying him left the Waycross Airport at about 1:00 p.m.

[REDACTED] had attended the meeting at Waycross addressed by Rev. King. He estimated that there were about 200 people present and noted that Rev. Abernathy introduced Rev. King. He said King spoke less than ten minutes, directing most of his talk about the deplorable poverty conditions and his anticipated campaign in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of correcting these conditions.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

[REDACTED] b(1)  
[REDACTED] the same information about the Waycross, Ga.,  
adding that a collection of \$200 was taken up from the  
present.

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised that Rev. King was scheduled to  
appear at Beulah Grove Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. on March  
23, 1968; the meeting was sponsored by the Citizens Concerned  
for Welfare of the Community, Inc. (CCWC, INC.), which he  
described as a small group of responsible people interested  
in the welfare of the community, and particularly in the  
welfare of poor people. He said Rev. B. I. Vernon, pastor  
of the Beulah Grove Baptist Church, is President of the CCWC,  
Inc., and that Watkins is the Secretary. He related that the  
purpose of the meeting on March 23, 1968 is to interest people  
in participating financially in the Washington Spring Project.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] attend the meeting at the Beulah Grove Baptist  
Church on March 23, 1968. He said Rev. King, scheduled to  
arrive at 2:00 p.m., arrived at 6:40 p.m., and that King went  
directly from the airport to the church where he spoke about  
ten minutes, urging financial assistance in the campaign for  
poor people. [REDACTED] said that King related they had  
a warehouse full of food for the people participating in the  
campaign and expected to build several shacks on the Capitol  
grounds to serve these people. b7(D)

[REDACTED] related the meeting was attended by  
about 450 people and that a collection of \$305 was taken up  
at the meeting. He said there was no indication as to how  
many people would participate in the demonstration in  
Washington.

He related that following the meeting, King and his  
group went to the Downtowner Motel in Augusta where they had  
dinner with guests and companions. He said the bill for the  
dinner was \$130 and that following the dinner the group went  
to the local airport from which King left about 11:00 p.m.

MARTIN

LING, JR.

WASHINGTON

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Concerning King's death, the following agencies were notified:  
Savannah and Waycross, Georgia, and the following agencies were notified:

[REDACTED]  
11th Military Intelligence Group, Savannah, Ga.;

[REDACTED] Police Department, Savannah, Ga.;

[REDACTED] Police Department, Waycross, Ga.;

[REDACTED] Georgia State Patrol, Waycross, Ga.;

[REDACTED] Ware County, Waycross, Ga.;

[REDACTED] Police Department, Augusta, Ga.;

[REDACTED], Richmond County,  
Augusta, Ga.;

[REDACTED]  
11th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Gordon, Ga.

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In Reply, Please  
Refer to

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia  
March 27, 1968

Title           MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
                  WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Character       SECURITY MATTER - C;  
                  RACIAL MATTER

Reference       Savannah memorandum dated  
                  March 27, 1968 captioned  
                  as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
have been revealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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310 PM URGENT 4-1-68 JLW  
TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND MEMPHIS (CODE)  
ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 1P

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Tavel ✓  
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Miss Gandy ✓

SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. OO - ATLANTA

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4JMM  
ON 2-6-81

SOURCE WHOSE INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET"  
ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON STATED THAT AS A RESULT  
OF MEETING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT, MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL RETURN TO MEMPHIS  
ON TUESDAY (APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT) AND THAT  
THERE WILL BE A BIG MARCH ON FRIDAY (APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT). (S)

COPY SENT TO ATLANTA REGULAR MAIL.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bishop

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ON 2-6-81

April 1, 1968

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore  
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might be interested in the following information that has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past. (u)

Recently, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with his principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member, Stanley Levison, concerning the current College Presidential Poll in "Time" magazine. King has received letters from many colleges asking him for campaign material and also requesting personal appearances. (u)

Levison suggested that King take the position that he is not a candidate but favors those candidates who strongly oppose the war in Vietnam and those candidates who support the principles of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. Levison informed King to advise these colleges that there are only two candidates who reflect these points of view; namely, United States Senators Robert F. Kennedy of New York and Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota. According to Levison, King should answer these inquiries stating he does not wish to be a third candidate and split the antiwar candidates. (u)

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

Levison commented that if King were to be a candidate in the College Presidential Poll, he would probably collect many votes along with Kennedy and McCarthy, which would result in President Johnson emerging the winner. Levison pointed out that by taking the position outlined, King would be "blessing both McCarthy and Kennedy" and not making a choice between them. (S)

King commented that both Kennedy and McCarthy are good competent men, committed to the principles he is concerned about. King related that these two candidates should be realistic and see that Kennedy is the only man that can stop President Johnson. (S)

King expressed the opinion that at some point along the campaign trail, Kennedy and McCarthy will have to get together. (S)

The above information is not being furnished the Attorney General. (U)

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, 3/29/68, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr.; Security Matter - C," prepared by DMW:ekw. Letter classified "Secret" in view of the fact source of this information is a highly placed source in the racial field and his untimely disclosure might affect the internal security of the United States. (U)

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MEMPHIS

11:37AM URGENT 4-3-68 SAB  
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK  
FROM MEMPHIS 157-1092 2P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED REV. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., AND SCLC STAFF MEMBERS DOROTHY COTTON,  
ANDREW J. YOUNG, BERNARD LEE AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ARRIVED  
MEMPHIS FROM ATLANTA, GA. NO RETURN OR OUTGOING RESERVATIONS  
FOR ANY OF ABOVE KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

A SOURCE ADVISED THAT STRATEGY MEETING HELD NIGHT APRIL TWO  
LAST ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE  
FOR EQUALITY (COME), THE MINISTERIAL GROUP IN MEMPHIS SUPPORTING  
SANITATION STRIKE, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC, SPOKESMAN FOR  
WHICH IS ROSEA WILLIAMS, AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN  
FEDERATION OF COUNTY, STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, SPOKESMEN  
WILLIAM LUCY AND JESSE EPPS, FIELD REPRESENTATIVES  
THEREOF. AT THIS STRATEGY MEETING, THE MASS MARCH ORIGINALLY  
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL FIVE NEXT TO BE LED BY KING WAS RE-SCHEDULED  
FOR SUNDAY, APRIL EIGHT, REASON BEING THAT UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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THAT THE STRIKE HAS BECOME A RACIAL ISSUE AND THAT THERE IS  
URGENT NEED FOR A MORE UNIFIED SUPPORT BY UNION PEOPLE  
ASSUMING MORE ACTIVE ROLES IN STRATEGY AND DECISION. EPPS  
IS ARRANGING THROUGH UNKNOWN UNION OFFICIALS TO BRING TWO  
CHARTERED PLANE LOADS OF "UNION PEOPLE," MANY OF WHOM WILL  
BE OF WHITE RACE, FROM NEW YORK CITY AREA DUE TO ARRIVE MEMPHIS  
SOMETIME APRIL SEVEN NEXT, AND THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO  
PLACE AS MANY WHITES AS POSSIBLE IN THE FRONT OF THE MASS  
MARCH. SOURCE ONE ADDED KING SCHEDULED TO HAVE STRATEGY  
MEETING WITH ABOVE GROUP AT NOON APRIL THREE AND TO DELIVER  
ADDRESS AT MASS SUPPORT RALLY MASON TEMPLE, NIGHT APRIL THREE.

b7(D) NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, WILL THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES  
[REDACTED] DETERMINE SPECIFICS OF GROUP  
OF GROUPS WHICH MAY BE LEAVING NEW YORK AREA TO COME TO MEMPHIS  
TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS MARCH AND RELATED STRIKE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES.  
ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BUREAU OF POSITIVE INFORMATION BY TELETYPE.  
AIRMAIL COPY TO ATLANTA.

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FBI MEMPHIS

617 PM URGENT 4-1-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092)

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DATE 2-6-91 BY SP4JRM/MLL

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

RE ME TELS MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

b7(D) [REDACTED] ADVISED FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS REGISTERED AT  
LORRAINE MOTEL: R.B. COTTONREADER, JAMES ORANGE, REV. JESSE  
JACKSON AND JAMES L. BEVEL. ALSO REGISTERED IN THIS MOTEL OVER  
WEEKEND OF MARCH THIRTY AND THIRTYONE WERE CHARLES Y. GABAGE, JOHN  
BURRELL SMITH AND CHARLES STEVEN BALLARD, ALL ~~WHO WERE~~ AS RECENTLY  
AS FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST ADMITTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI BEING  
ON GOVERNING BODY OF BLACK ORGANIZING POWER (BOP) AND OVERALL BLACK  
POWER GROUP IN MEMPHIS WHICH THEY SAY IS AFFILIATED WITH STUDENT NON  
VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

b7(D) [REDACTED] ADDED THAT AT TWO THIRTY P.M. APRIL ONE INSTANT,  
APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIVE ZERO SUPPORTERS OF MEMPHIS SANITATION STRIKE  
CARRYING PLACARDS MARCHED FROM CLAYBORN TEMPLE SINGLE FILE TO MAIN  
STREET AND CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, THEREAFTER RETURNING TO TEMPLE. THERE

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WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARRESTS.

A SOURCE ADVISED THAT HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTERS REGISTRATION, SCLC; JAMES L. BEVEL IN CHARGE OF SCLC "NON VIOLENT ACTION"; JESSE JACKSON, DIRECTOR OF "OPERATION REDBASKET", SCLC; J.T. JOHNSON, THE MISSISSIPPI ORGANIZER OF THE SCLC, "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT"; JAMES ORANGE AND R.B. COTTONREADER, BOTH FIELD STAFF MEMBERS SCLC HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, MEMPHIS APRIL ONE INSTANT IN THE COMPANY OF REV. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., REPRESENTING COMMUNITY ON MOVE FOR EQUALITY (COMO), THE MEMPHIS MINISTERIAL GROUP LEADING STRIKE. FIELD REPRESENTATIVES OF STRIKING AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH CHARLES CABBAGE OF BOP. WILLIAMS STATED THAT REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WOULD ARRIVE IN MEMPHIS APRIL TWO NEXT, TIME NOT SPECIFIED, BUT SCLC WOULD CONDUCT DAILY MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN MEMPHIS, THAT A MASS MARCH WOULD BE HELD APRIL FIVE NEXT TO BE LEAD BY KING AND THAT KING WOULD POSSIBLY REMAIN IN MEMPHIS UNTIL APRIL FIVE NEXT. JAMES ORANGE WILL INSTITUTE A SERIES OF SCLC "WORK SHOPS" IN VARIOUS CHURCHES. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE STRIKE ACTIVITY IN MEMPHIS WILL BE ESCALATED. JESSE JACKSON STATED THAT ALL MEMPHIS NEGROES WILL BE IMploRED TO TRANSFER BANK ACCOUNTS AND INSURANCE ACCOUNTS FROM WHITE INSTITUTIONS TO BLACK INSTITUTIONS AND THAT SCLC

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WILL ORGANIZE NEGRO BUSINESSES TO TAKE OVER ALL NEGRO BUSINESS IN COMMUNITY AND THAT THESE GROUPS WILL "HAVE TH SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT". WILLIAMS DENIED SCLC IS ATTEMPTING TO "TAKE OVER" MEMPHIS, CLAIMED SCLC HERE AT INVITATION OF COME AND IS MERELY SERVING AS A CATALYST AND IT IS "HERE TO UNITE BLACK POWER".

JAMES L. BEVEL STATED SCLC IN MEMPHIS TO SERVE AS A POLITICAL PSYCHIATRIST AND THAT SCLC SEES MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB AS A "SICK INDIVIDUAL". HE CLAIMED THAT WHITE RACISM RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PROBLEMS IN MEMPHIS. HE CLAIMED THE CITY TRIES TO SETTLE PROBLEMS WITH THE ARMY AND TANKS WHEN THE REAL PROBLEM IS POVERTY AND THAT THE ARMY IS CALLED IN WHEN NEGROES LOOT WHEREAS THE WHITE RACE HAS BEEN STEALING FROM THE NEGROES ECONOMICALLY FOR CENTURIES. BEVEL CONCLUDED "WE UNEQUIVOCALLY BELIEVE IN AND ADVOCATE BLACK POWER".

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~~SHLD BE "TINES" RPT "TINES"~~

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CAB Included in letter to White House  
and Attorney General. Date 4-26-68

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CC - [unclear]



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 3/28/68

FROM : G. C. Moore *gc*

*Handwritten initials and marks*

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
RACIAL MATTERS

*Handwritten initials: C. H. R.*

A sanitation workers strike has been going on in Memphis for some time. Martin Luther King, Jr., today led a march composed of 5,000 to 6,000 people through the streets of Memphis. King was in an automobile preceding the marchers. As the march developed, acts of violence and vandalism broke out including the breaking of windows in stores and some looting.

This clearly demonstrates that acts of so-called nonviolence advocated by King cannot be controlled. The same thing could happen in his planned massive civil disobedience for Washington in April.

ACTION:

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**ENCLOSURE** Attached is a blind memorandum pointing out the above, which if you approve, should be made available by Crime Records Division to cooperative news media sources.

Enclosure

**ENCLOSURE**

TDR:fhd (6)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Deakin

*W. L. S.*  
*100-106670*  
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*(on a strictly confidential basis)*

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*DAKIN*  
*D. R. S.*  
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Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, injected himself into the sanitation workers' strike in Memphis, Tennessee, and the result of King's famous espousal of nonviolence was vandalism, looting, and riot.

Previously, King involved himself in this strike, called for a general strike, and called for a mass march. Today he led the mass march in an automobile at the head of the line. Negroes began shouting "black power" and trouble began. King, apparently unable or unwilling to control the marchers, absented himself from the scene; window breaking and looting broke out.

Police officers were forced to use gas to break up the march and to control the crowd. It was necessary to activate the National Guard. Martin Luther King claims his much-heralded march on Washington, scheduled for April 22, 1968, will also be "nonviolent." He says he has persuaded militant black nationalists to abandon violent extremism in Washington, D. C., during the march. Memphis may only be the prelude to civil strife in our Nation's Capitol.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) containing information from [redacted] on 3/28/68, concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on what KING's position should be on the rioting that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on 3/28/68. (u)

[redacted]  
 An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the Richmond Office, since it is indicated that KING will probably cancel a scheduled appearance in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968). (u)

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Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 28, 1968, that, late on that date, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr. discussed the violence that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on March 28, 1968, following King's leadership of a protest march through downtown Memphis. King indicated that he has become so depressed over the developments in Memphis that he has considered calling off the Washington March (his self-described Poor People's Campaign, scheduled to begin in Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1968) LS

Levison told King that his depression was aggravated because he is physically exhausted as a result of his recent strenuous program. He counseled King not to be on the defensive over the events in Memphis but, on the contrary, should take the position that the majority of people in the Memphis March did not join in the rioting that took place, proving the effectiveness of King's leadership and his policy of non-violence. Levison emphasized that the Washington March will be different in that King will have organized this march and his forces can stress the importance of non-violence. Levison suggested that Saturday morning (March 30, 1968) would be a better time to meet in Atlanta to discuss the Memphis incident rather than meeting on Friday night (March 29, 1968) because it will give King time to rest. LS

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

King agreed in every respect with Levison's evaluation. ~~(S)~~ (u)

The source also ascertained that, prior to conferring with King, Levison spoke with the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, an aide of Dr. King's, who advised Levison that King has cancelled a scheduled appearance in Washington, D.C. on March 29, 1968. Abernathy also noted that King is scheduled to be in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968) but will probably cancel that appearance. Abernathy continued that it was a mistake for the King forces not to have a staff in Memphis to train people in non-violence. He said it also was a mistake on the part of the King forces not to have been more aware of the local situation. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Attached relates to attitudes of Martin Luther King towards the disturbance in Memphis, Tennessee, 3/28/68 and his future activities. Stanley Levison mentioned in the attached is principal advisor to King and reported in past as secret member of Communist Party. (S)

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, and interested divisions of Department. (U)

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DC CAMPAIGN IS IN TROUBLE. KING SAID WILL BE DIFFICULT

TO RECRUIT PEOPLE NOW. REFERRING TO MEMPHIS INCIDENT,

KING SAID IT IS GREAT PERSONAL SET-BACK FOR HIM, A GREAT

PUBLIC RELATIONS SET-BACK AS FAR AS HIS IMAGE AND LEADER-

SHIP ARE CONCERNED. KING SAID HE CONSIDERED ANNOUNCING

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THE MOVEMENT. KING SAID HE FEELS WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN IS DOOMED. LEVISON SAID HE COULD NOT DISAGREE WITH KING MORE AND ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIM THAT HE COULD NOT EXPECT TO GET ONE HUNDRED PER CENT ADHERENCE, THAT KING SHOULD NOT ACCEPT LOGIC OF PRESS THAT IF HE CAN CONTROL NINETY NINE PER CENT AND NOT ONE PER CENT, HE IS A FAILURE LEVISON SAID KING'S POSITION SHOULD BE THAT KING CAN CONTROL HIS FOLLOWERS WHO ARE NON-VIOLENT. THEY AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH AT ATLANTA MEETING MARCH THIRTY. ~~(S)~~

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The source referred to in the LHM [REDACTED]

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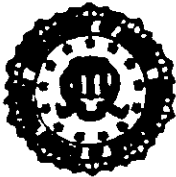
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Chiefs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were contacted by SA [REDACTED]

This matter will be followed and the Bureau and interested offices will be kept currently advised.



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Norfolk, Virginia

March 26, 1968

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 20, 1968, that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would participate in a motorcade from Norfolk, Virginia, to Richmond, Virginia, on March 30, 1968. According to the tentative plans, Reverend King will arrive at Norfolk via airplane at approximately 9:00 a.m. March 30, 1968, and travel to Suffolk, Virginia, arriving there about 11:30 a.m.; proceed to Ivor, Southampton County, Virginia, 1:00 p.m.; arrive Waverly, Sussex County, Virginia, 2:00 p.m.; arrive Petersburg, Virginia, 3:00 p.m.; arrive Hopewell, Virginia, 4:00 p.m.; will hold a mass meeting at Sixth Mount Zion Church, Richmond, 7:00 p.m.; then depart for Atlanta, Georgia, via plane. This source said Reverend King planned no speeches except at Richmond.

[REDACTED] advised that Reverend King is due to arrive in Norfolk in the early morning of March 30, 1968. He will then travel by motorcade to Suffolk where he will speak at the Union Hall of Local 26, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO, East Washington Street, Suffolk, to the Negro community. [REDACTED] said this will be from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. b7(D)

[REDACTED] said that the motorcade with Reverend King will travel via U. S. Highway 460 to Ivor, Virginia, where Reverend King will speak at the Gearfield Baptist Church for about 20 - 30 minutes. It is planned that he will be at Ivor about 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Reverend King, according to [REDACTED] will then travel to Waverly, Petersburg and Richmond. [REDACTED] said he will make speeches at both Waverly and Petersburg prior to his arrival in Richmond.

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[REDACTED] explained that the above plans are tentative at this time. b7(D)

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[REDACTED] advised that he was aware of the fact that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., was to be in the southside area of Virginia but he did not have any information indicating that Reverend King would make an appearance such as a speech in the Norfolk area.

"The Ledger-Star," a daily Norfolk newspaper of general circulation, dated March 25, 1968, reported a news release from Richmond in which it was pointed out that Richmond may be the marshaling point and possibly the starting point of Doctor Martin Luther King's "poor peoples march on Washington." This announcement, according to the newspaper, was made by officials of the SCLC. This news report said that Reverend King, SCLC head, is scheduled to make a seven-stop speaking tour in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968) with a final engagement scheduled for Richmond. It was also pointed out that it was believed he may announce his selection of Richmond as the central southern staging area for his march scheduled for April 22, 1968.

The newspaper pointed out that during Reverend King's Virginia tour he is scheduled to visit Norfolk, Suffolk, Ivor, Waverly, Petersburg, and Hopewell before appearing in Richmond.

The above information was furnished to the following individuals on March 25, 1968:

[REDACTED]  
Norfolk Police Department b7(C)

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Chesapeake, Virginia, Police Department

A Representative of 109th  
Military Intelligence Group  
Norfolk, Virginia

## WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Attached pertains to a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Stanley Levison, his principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member. These two discuss the current political situation relating to the Democratic Presidential race. (U)

Pertinent information in the attached will be furnished the White House only. (U)

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# Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) <sup>b(2)</sup><sub>b(7)(D)</sub> copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) containing information furnished by [REDACTED] on 3/23/68, concerning STANLEY LEVISON's thoughts on the wisdom of bringing 3000 persons to Washington, D.C. for MARTIN LUTHER KING's Poor People's Campaign without being able to finance this operation. (u)

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, and one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, and OSI. (u)

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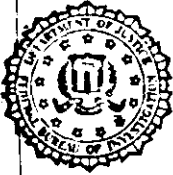
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 23, 1968, that on that date William Rutherford, (Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) was in contact with Stanley Levison. Levison told Rutherford that the question of finances is of concern to him and Rutherford agreed that they do not have the income to match their needs. He explained that as regards regular operations they have no problem but that their traveling bills are now double and that, in addition, they have extraordinary needs which are getting worse. (S)

Levison commented that the fund-appeal letters cannot bring in enough money to take care of these kind of extraordinary expenses and that there is no other apparatus to raise the money. He said they must take a hard look at what kind of money is going to be involved, adding that it would be insane to bring 3000 people to Washington, D.C. (for Martin Luther King's Poor People's Campaign) only to find that they (the SCLC) cannot provide for them. (S)

According to Rutherford this is what "they" are saying, "to hell with that", get the people first because something always happens (in the way of finding accommodations). (S)

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Levison stated that he intended to be present at an executive meeting on March 25, 1968, to fight this attitude. (S)

Rutherford related that Martin Luther King is concerned that recruiting (for the Poor People's Campaign) is slow and that a new approach has been decided upon. He said that Hosea (Williams), Bernard (Lafayette), Jim Bevel, and Andy (Young), (all SCLC officials) are among the best recruiters and it is felt they should get out and recruit. Rutherford continued that there is a "wing" coming down from the Boston, Providence, New York area which would be handled by Andy (Young), a "wing" from the midwest encompassing Milwaukee, Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland to be handled by Jim Bevel, a "wing" from the South to be handled by Hosea (Williams) and that Bernard Lafayette would be in Washington, D.C. to coordinate the operation. Rutherford added that recruiting has been going well in the New York City area and in Philadelphia. (S)

Levison said he would rather have one thousand good "troops" that can be housed together and mobilized effectively so they could be moved from place to place rather than have three thousand scattered all over Washington. (S)

Rutherford stated that they are going to set up a camp and Levison remarked that, if it is a camp he saw projected for one thousand (people), it will cost \$31,000, a figure that does not include labor, food and bedding. Levison asked where this money is to come from, noting that it is one thing to proceed on faith but to launch something this important is another. He said this campaign will receive a great deal of publicity, leaving no margin for error, and that all the publicity could be on the campaign floundering if they proceed on faith alone. (S)

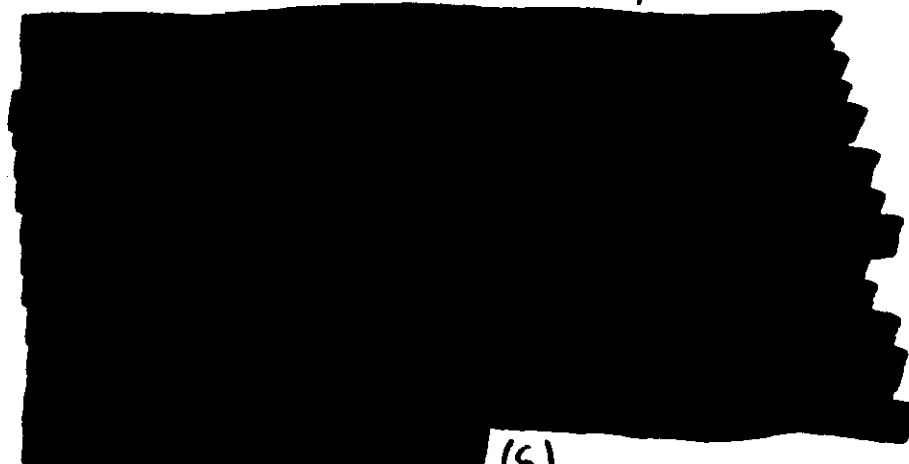
They discussed the possibility of getting the finances from labor unions with Levison stating there is no precedent for it. (S)

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He said no labor union has ever donated more than \$10,000 except on one occasion. Levison said the only union he could see, which might give the money needed, is the United Automobile Workers (UAW) and that King would have to do this personally. Rutherford commented that he raised the question whether King could appeal to (Walter) Reuther (head of the UAW) and that "they felt iffy about it". (S)



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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND MEMPHIS (CODE)  
ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK IP

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

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ADVISED THREE TWENTY SIX SIXTYEIGHT THAT ON THAT DATE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WHO IS IN NEW YORK CITY,  
INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN THE NEW YORK AREA UNTIL  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THREE TWENTYSEVEN. KING STATED HE  
HAD TO GO TO MEMPHIS ON THURSDAY, THEN COME BACK.  
HE ADDED "WE RESCHEDULED THAT MARCH". SOURCE UNABLE TO  
FURNISH DETAILS OF KING'S TRIP TO MEMPHIS OR TO IDENTIFY  
MARCH. NO LHM. MAIL COPY BEING SENT TO ATLANTA. (18)

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258 PM URGENT 3-29-68 JLW

TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND ATLANTA (CODE)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

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RE NEW YORK TEL MARCH TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. (u)

[REDACTED] (INFO FROM WHICH IS  
CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED MARCH TWENTYNINE, THAT DORA  
MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TOLD  
STANLEY LEVISON THAT THEY WANT HIM TO ATTEND URGENT MEETING  
WITH KING AT EBENEZER CHURCH, ATLANTA, TEN AM, MARCH  
THIRTY. SAID SHE WOULD MAKE RESERVATION FOR LEVISON AT  
THE PASCAL (PHONETIC). SOURCE ALSO ADVISED LEVISON HAS  
RESERVATION ON DELTA FLIGHT NUMBER ONE EIGHT FIVE LEAVING  
KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK, NINE PM, MARCH TWENTYNINE,  
ARRIVING ATLANTA ELEVEN  
FOURTEEN PM. NO LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164)

b7(D) MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM - C, OO:ATLANTA.

**[REDACTED]** ADVISED THIS DATE KING'S PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR HIS VISIT IN WDC ON MARCH TWENTYNINE NEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

10 a.m. MEET LOCAL MINISTERS AT CHURCH OF REDEEMER, 13th AND GIRARD STREET, N.E., WDC.

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON WITH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN AT STATLER HOTEL, 16th AND K STREET, N.W.

1:30 p.m. MEETING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION LEADERS AT 1401 U STREET, N.W.

2 p.m. MEETING WITH LABOR LEADERS AT PHILLIP MURRAY BUILDING, 1116 16th STREET, N.W.

8 p.m. POOR PEOPLES CONVENTION, 2458 NICHOLS AVENUE, S.E. - BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve and for Atlanta three copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Information contained in enclosed LHM furnished the Bureau and Atlanta for their information.

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to AUSA, Washington, D.C.; NISO; OSI; 116th MIG; and U.S. Secret Service.

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(1-157-8428) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

3 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Enc. 2) (RM)

(1-157-2924) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

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C. C. Bishop

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Washington, D.C. 20535  
March 25, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On February 12, 1968, the "Washington Evening Star", a daily Washington, D.C., newspaper, reported that the Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral, Washington, D.C., had invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to speak from the Cathedral pulpit concerning the poor people's march planned by King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which King is President. The newspaper quoted Dean Sayre as saying that King "is the best hope we have" and called him "the apostle of non-violence."

On March 20, 1968, the "Washington Post and Times Herald", a daily Washington, D.C., newspaper, reported that King had announced he had accepted an invitation to preach at the eleven a.m. service in the Washington Cathedral on Sunday, March 31, 1968.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 3/18/68.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to the visit of Dr. KING in Los Angeles area from 3/16 - 18/68.

The LHM is being classified as "Confidential" because of information furnished by the above source, which if revealed, could lead to his identification and compromise an informant of continuing value.

The Los Angeles Division will ascertain if Dr. KING made contact with any other individuals while he was in Los Angeles.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
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  - 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
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A copy of this airtel and LHM is being furnished  
San Francisco and Memphis Divisions in view of their interest  
in Dr. KING.

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Los Angeles, California

March 20, 1968

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

[REDACTED] advised March 14, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to address the convention of the California Democratic Council at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, at noon on Saturday, March 16, 1968.

[REDACTED] advised on March 16, 1968, that Dr. King appeared at a press conference at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, that date. He stated that he never endorsed any presidential candidate, but spoke highly of Senator Eugene Mc Carthy, Minnesota, and indicated that he might endorse him as a presidential candidate in the 1968 election, claiming that he is passive, non-violent but militant against poverty and the Vietnam War.

[REDACTED], stated that Dr. King also appeared as the main speaker at the luncheon of the California Democratic Council which was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on the same date. Dr. King stated that if the Government would do something about Negro poverty in the winter time there would be less likelihood of summer violence. He also indicated that there would be a march on Washington, D. C., in April 1968 and the participants will conduct a "stay-in" at Governmental offices until the end of the congressional session to protest Negro poverty. He stated that it was ridiculous to spend money to kill Vietnamese in Vietnam and not help underprivileged Negroes.

[REDACTED] stated that King left Anaheim at 2:30 p.m. for an unknown appointment in Los Angeles.

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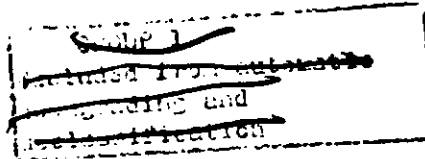
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 17, 1968, that Dr. King spoke at an Elk's Club somewhere in Los Angeles on the afternoon of March 16, 1968. There he received donations for the Washington Spring Project in the amount of \$6,000, in cash and an undisclosed amount in checks.

The "Los Angeles Times", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 17, 1968, carried an article which quoted Dr. King while he was in Anaheim, California, on March 16, 1968. He stated, "The problem is the Government has many programs but nothing has been done." He stated that the spring demonstrations which he will begin in Washington, D. C., on April 22, 1968, are to appeal to the conscience of Congress to escalate the war on poverty and racism and de-escalate the war in Vietnam.

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[REDACTED] advised on March 18, 1968, that Dr. King was staying at the Hyatt House Hotel, 5547 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, and would be leaving Los Angeles for New Orleans and Memphis about noon on March 18, 1968, via National Airlines.

The "Los Angeles Times", previously mentioned, in its issue of March 18, 1968, indicated that Dr. King had spoken at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles On Sunday, March 17, 1968. He stated that it was time for someone in Washington to admit that a mistake has been made in Vietnam and that this nation is involved in a "senseless, reckless, immoral and unwinnable war." He also indicated white racism is "still a glaring reality in our country" and that Congress, dominated by the rural South "stands as a stubborn force in the way of social progress."

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Los Angeles, California

March 20, 1968

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Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO:WFO)

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ReWFOairtel and LHM 3/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Atlanta, Baltimore, New York and Richmond two copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above. LHM classified "Confidential" in order to offer additional security to extremely valuable informants who furnished information contained therein.

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Sources have indicated no active recruitment for demonstrators to participate in the WSP has been conducted however it is logical to assume that recruitment that has been done in securing people to assist in the administration of the Project will have had considerable effect of any future recruitment for the Project. WFO feels WSO recruiters will experience no difficulty in recruiting additional people for the Project.

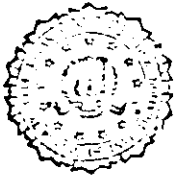
WFO continues to maintain liaison with b7(c)  
[REDACTED], MPD,  
and has furnished him all available information concerning the Project.

Officials of the U. S. Park Police, U.S. Capital Police, GSA and the military agencies have been alerted concerning details of the Project and their cooperation has been solicited in furnishing information coming to their attention concerning the WSP.

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to AUSA, Washington, D.C., NISO, OSI, 116th MIG, and the U.S. Secret Service.

The individuals mentioned in enclosed LHM as having been recruited to participate have been checked through WFO indices and no pertinent identifiable subversive derogatory information was located.

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Reference is made to our memorandum dated March 14, 1968, and captioned as above.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital during April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

In pursuit of this project, the SCLC has opened an office in Washington, D.C., from which to organize and direct the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

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[REDACTED] stated they expect the "non-poor" to join the demonstration on Sundays and also to visit various Congressmen on behalf of the WSP. They do not expect the "non-poor" to actually march with the demonstrators unless the poor are subjected to harsh treatment at which time they expect them to join the poor and subject themselves to the same treatment.

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[REDACTED] The committees are as follows:

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**Alternate Housing:** To develop alternate housing arrangements in the Washington Metropolitan area (e.g. private homes, churches, gymnasiums, hotel facilities, etc.) in case the participants are unable to live in the "New City" which is the name WSP officials have given to the camp-in site to be constructed for the Project.

**Transportation:** To develop resources (e.g. buses, cabs, private cars, etc.) for transporting participants without expense to various campaign activities in the Washington Metropolitan area.

**Building Structures and Layout:** To design and find resources for the construction of temporary shelters (e.g. tents, prefabricated housing, shanties, etc.) and to arrange them in a manner which enhances social interaction and other functions of the "New City."

**Social Services:** To provide specialized care that is not within the framework of campaign workers. To set up model social services facilities and make referrals to pertinent local chapters in home communities of the "New City" families.

**Entertainment:** To organize programs of entertainment for participants in the campaign.

**Food:** To make arrangements and be responsible for the feeding of participants of the campaign including the collection of food, its preparation and distribution to participants.

**Freedom Schools:** To plan and implement a model educational program for pre-school and school children, including high school participants in the campaign and to locate the resources, material and instruction necessary to operate the schools.

**Medical and Sanitation:** To work for the development of a model health care program for participants in the campaign, to carry out a regular program of health inspections of "New City" facilities, and develop the water supply and sanitary facilities of the "New City."

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Procurement Committee: To make arrangements and be responsible for the acquisition of all supplies and necessities pertinent to the needs of all other committees and the general needs of "New City."

[REDACTED] between representatives of the Health Department and Parks Department of the District of Columbia and representatives of the SCLC and WSP. Preliminary discussions were held concerning health and sanitation needs of the WSP.

[REDACTED] of the committee concerned with the collection and distribution of food for the WSP.

[REDACTED] of the committee concerned with the selection of a site and the construction of a camp to be used by the demonstrators. The following were discussed as possible sites for the camp:

1. The Mall.
2. An area in Southwest Washington bordered by Maine Avenue, 4th Street, Eye Street, and a group of buildings including the Arena Stage.
3. Areas in Southeast and Southwest Washington which have been cleared for freeway construction.
4. Officials of Gallaudet College in Washington will be contacted in order to check site possibilities in that area.
5. Area church properties and parks will be checked for site possibilities.
6. An area in the vicinity of 10,000 New Hampshire Avenue, White Oak, Maryland.
7. An area in the vicinity of 900 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E.
8. An area in the vicinity of Brentwood Road and T Street, N.E.

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This committee has defined its' responsibilities as follows:

1. Site selection: Locate suitable open areas, determine size, location and ownership.
2. Develop Plan: Provide (in terms of materials available) plans for the use of the site.
3. Supervision: Check final construction of site for safety.

Their schedule calls for the selection of the site and planning for materials between March 10 and 31, 1968; obtaining material from March 30 until completed; making definite plans between March 30 and April 20, 1968; and construction and supervision from April 13 until completed.

This committee plans to meet again on March 19, 1968.

 a "Ministers' Meeting" had been held on March 14, 1968, concerning the WSP. The matter of non-violent workshops was discussed which are to start during the week of March 18, 1968. The workshops are scheduled to meet as follows:

Mondays--Montgomery County (Bethesda Congregational Church)

Tuesdays--Prince Georges County (will start March 26, 1968, 8 to 10 p.m., however no meeting place has been located.

Wednesdays--Virginia (Arlington Unitarian Church, 4444 Arlington Boulevard).

Thursdays--D.C. (Vermont Avenue Baptist Church).

The above workshops will explain the WSP, non-violence and non-violent philosophy, how people can participate in the WSP, and how people can conduct non-violent training themselves.

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It was announced at the meeting that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., would visit Washington, D.C., on April 12, 1968, prior to his trip to Nigeria and that a mass meeting was scheduled to be held in Washington on April 22, 1968. This meeting will be led by King.

The attached pages set forth additional information concerning the WSP.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reporting Office

Washington, D.C.

Names of individuals recruiting in Washington, D.C.

William Moyer  
Anthony Ray Henry  
Henry Brownlee  
Lester Hankerson  
Richard Gay  
Gerald Pogue  
Steve Wise

Address of local headquarters

1401 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Known number of individuals recruited

Reliable sources have advised that efforts have not been made to recruit demonstrators for the WSP. At this time they have no goal and the number of people they will attempt to recruit will depend on the success of recruitment in other parts of the United States. Their overall aim is for a nucleus of three thousand demonstrators and any part of that number not recruited elsewhere will be supplied from persons recruited in the Washington, D.C., area. Fifty-one persons have been recruited to work on various committees in support of the project.

Known names of individuals recruited to date

The following people attended meetings of the food committee on March 6 and 13, 1968, and sources said they have been recruited for participation in WSP.

Alice Arshack  
Ruth Harrison  
Phillis Kerr, representing the Lutheran Social Services  
Bobbie Darref, representing the Church of Saviour  
Joan Grunenhoff, representing St. Raphael's Catholic Church

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Bernard Gray, Rev. Leaman W. White, Mrs. Peggy J. Hannan, Rev. Andrew Allen, Walter Hilderbrand, Esther Mitchell, Lella Smith, Gale Lawrence, Jan Gelderman, Dorothy Hammond, Mrs. Bernice Roberts, Mrs. Thelma Rutherford, representing Community of Christ Church of the Pilgrim, and a Rev. Cleveland who was representing William De Shay.

The following people attended the meeting of site and construction committee on March 10, 1968:

Colin Carew  
James Goodell  
Ken Jaden  
Tunney Lee  
John Wiedenson, chairman of the committee

The following attended the "Ministers' Meeting" on March 14, 1968:

Bill Moyer, WSP recruiter  
Steve Wise, WSP recruiter  
Robert Pelton who was representing one Geno Baroni  
Ray Hartzell representing the Lutheran Planning Council  
David Robb  
Madeleine Furth representing the Catholic Interracial council  
Glenn Smiley  
Madelyn Minasian

Estimated number of individuals recruited

It is estimated that approximately seventy-five persons have been recruited thus far to serve on various committees established to organize and direct the WSP.

Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity

None

Number of private cars to participate

On March 13, 1968, Rev. Andrew Allen informed the food committee that he had commitments from the following concerning the providing of transportation:

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Mr. Bernard C. Chapman	824 48th Street, N.E.
Reverend M.A. Covington	First Baptist Church, College Park, Maryland
Reverend S. J. Harris	Jones Methodist Church
Reverend L. C. Collins	Varnum Street, N.W. Zion Baptist Church (RA 6-1855)
Reverend Andrew J. Allen	First Baptist Church of Deanwood, 1003 45th Street, N.E.
Reverend Lester James	Potomac Baptist Church 3340 Minnesota Avenue, N.E.
Reverend Thomas Brooks	Hughes Methodist Church 53 and Ames Street, N.E.
Reverend J. A. Franklin	Second Baptist Church Southwest
Reverend J. C. Mines	First Baptist Church, Fairmont Heights, Maryland
Reverend J. C. Wyatt	First Baptist Church, Highland Park, Maryland Residence: Hunt Place, N.E., Washington, D.C.
Reverend B. E. White	Bethel Baptist Church Olive Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.
Reverend F. A. Rivers	Lawrence Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.
Reverend Willie B. Allen	Upper Room Baptist Church 3760 Minnesota Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.

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Identity of drivers; make, model, and license numbers of cars to participate

None

Route cars are scheduled to use

Not applicable

Area buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D.C.

Not applicable

Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival

Not known at this time.

Remarks

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-24)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (109-272)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 14 copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [REDACTED] on 1/22/68, concerning a proposed meeting in London, England, in February, 1968, to establish an International Ad Hoc organization for the purpose of conducting a mass media campaign against the Vietnam War. EXC

This information arose from a contact made with STANLEY LEVISON by a SEAN TRIVASI or TRIVALSI (ph) from London, England. EX

The indices of the NYO contain no reference to this phonetic name. (u)

- 5- Bureau (109-12-24) (Encls. 14) (RM)  
     (1) 100- [REDACTED] (DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK)  
     (1) 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
 3- Atlanta (109- [REDACTED]) (Encls. 3) (RM)  
     (1- 100-5586) (M.L. KING)  
     (1- 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)  
 2- Washington Field (109- [REDACTED]) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
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 1- New York (100-155768) (DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK) 42  
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During the course of their conversation, the above mentioned person told LEVISON of negotiations or discussions having been carried on in Western Europe and with some people in the US, notably a MARK RASKIN (ph) and a DICK BARNETT (ph) in Washington at the Institute of Policy Studies.

The NYO indices have no identifiable information on a DICK BARNETT but the MARK RASKIN mentioned is undoubtedly the subject of NY File 161-249, Bureau file 161-429. In addition, "The Worker" of 10/24/67, Page 1, Column 5, noted that a MARK RASKIN of the Institute of Policy Studies spoke at the Pentagon during the rally against the Vietnam war sponsored by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. In addition, "The Worker", of 10/8/67, Page 2, Columns 3 and 4 lists signers of a pledge denouncing US aggression in Vietnam and pledging to raise funds to organize draft resistance unions and to aid resistance to the war. MARCUS RASKIN, former White House Aide is listed as one of the signers. (u)

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains (b)(2) information from [redacted] a highly sensitive source engaged (b)(7)(D) in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. [redacted]

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Copies of the LHM are being furnished WFO for assistance in any future investigation that may be conducted in this matter. (u)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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January 23, 1968

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Re: Foreign Policy Matters  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on January 22, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison had been contacted by a person from London who was unknown to the source. This individual told Levison that he was calling at the suggestion of Andrew Young, Executive Assistant to Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He said he had come to the United States from England on behalf of a canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, whom the source understood to be named Collins, to request Martin Luther King and Dr. Benjamin Spock to come to England at the end of February, 1968, to attend a meeting of several days aimed at beginning a campaign against the war in Vietnam. According to the source, this individual furnished the following information about this meeting: *(S)*

For several months there have been discussions in Western Europe as well as with some people in the United States, notably with several at the Institute of Policy Studies, Washington, D.C. They have been seeking a way of setting up an International Ad Hoc organization which will launch a mass media campaign, in newspapers and by buying spot television time *(S)*

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against the Vietnam war. Some people are suggesting this organization be called Act for Peace. It is felt that several million dollars could be raised to do this and, although it would be difficult to raise this kind of money in the United States, a number of private individuals and some of the churches of Europe are willing to put up the money. (S)

The sponsors are likely to be people such as Archbishop Ramsey of the Church of England, Pierre Mendes-France, and a Cardinal from Bologna. (S)

They would like Martin Luther King to agree to be a sponsor and for him and Dr. Spock to come to England for the meeting at the end of February, 1968, at which it is hoped the plans will be made and the campaign launched. In the meantime, he will be traveling between England and the United States getting the thing organized. (S)

The individual from London said he had just come from Washington where he talked at length with Senator (Eugene) McCarthy who suggested it would be useful if he attended the February meeting. The idea at that time will be to hold private conversation with a group of people, one of whom was a legislative assistant in the Congress, one to be himself, Mr. Mendes-France's secretary, with a sort of organizing group in the British churches, and decide how the campaign will be launched. (S)

He has talked with Andrew Young a number of times about King attending the meeting and being a sponsor. It appears that Dr. Spock will be agreeable although there is no confirmation on Spock's part as yet. (S)

The source further advised that this individual told Levison that he wanted to let Levison know the details. He said Andrew Young had asked him to explain to Levison what was happening so that when a decision is made on King's attendance it can be discussed with Levison. (S)

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Re: Foreign Policy Matters  
England

Levison asked about the length of the meetings and was told there probably would be several days of discussion and, if a decision is made to launch the campaign, a public meeting will be held about February 27, 1968. Levison was also told that if Dr. Spock should come they will have a public meeting about the indictments anyway (the indictment of Dr. Spock and others for violation of the Selective Service Act). (S)

Levison felt that idea was good but suggested that King's problem might be his plans for his civil disobedience campaign in the United States in April, 1968. (S)

The man from London commented that they were hoping that the mass media campaign would articulate with and be useful to King's April campaign. (S)

Levison also inquired about the people who have committed themselves to the idea of an Ad Hoc Organization. He was told that as far as the Church of England is concerned, even though there may be some difficulty about the Archbishop, they have the backing of two very powerful Bishops, Woolich and Southick as well as Bishop Reeves of South Africa and Bishop Roberts. If they can move properly in the next ten days then, this individual believes, Ramsey will agree. As far as Mendes-France is concerned there is no problem. The cardinal from Bologna has not agreed as yet and neither has the Archbishop of Vienna. In addition several Nobel people are not certain. He told Levison that it is a question of deciding how high a level of sponsorship above, for example, Nobel Peace Prize winners, they want to get. (S)

Levison was told that it has been suggested that they try to get Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations to give his sponsorship. Levison said he could not imagine he would do this. (S)

Levison stated that they would talk the matter over and let him know. (S)

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# Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 3/28/68

SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1825) (P)

CHANGED  
CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AT COLUMBUS, OHIO  
MAY 17, 1968  
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Title marked changed to add specific date of  
KING's contemplated appearance at Columbus, Ohio.

Re Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 3/11/68; and  
Atlanta letter to Cincinnati, 3/18/68.

The "Columbus Dispatch" newspaper, in general  
circulation in the Columbus, Ohio area, edition of 3/27/68,  
contains an article on Page 27A, entitled "King Slated to  
Speak in Columbus at State Church Meeting May 17". The  
article states that "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Baptist  
preacher and 1964 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is  
scheduled to speak in Columbus in May during a state  
convention of the Christian (Disciples) Churches."

It continues that he will speak at 8:00 PM,  
Friday, 5/17/68, in Cooper Arena at the State Fairgrounds.  
The Reverend JAMES LANDES of Karl Road Christian Church is  
general chairman of the convention at which 900 churches  
in the state will be represented. Other speakers at the  
convention will include Dr. JOSEPH SMITH of the Department  
of East Asia, United Christian Missionary Society, and Dr.  
FRED B. CRADDOCK of Phillips University Graduate Seminary,  
Enid, Oklahoma.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO : Mr. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 3/25/68

FROM : G. C. Moore *GCM*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Attached for your approval for dissemination is a letter to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House containing information that Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York attempted to contact Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, prior to Kennedy announcing his candidacy for President.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The attached be furnished Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House because it would be of interest to the President.

Enclosure *sent 3-26-68*

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-2246) (P)

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ReRHairtel to Director 3/22/68.

Enclosed are 11 copies of LHM re captioned  
matter.

One copy of this LHM is being furnished locally  
to the following via FD-342:

U. S. Secret Service, Richmond, Va.  
109th MIG, Richmond, Va.  
USNISO, Norfolk, Va.

It is felt that the appearance of JULIA BROWN, as  
set out in LHM, and any remarks she may make concerning the  
communist connections of MARTIN LUTHER KING will be effective  
as a counterintelligence activity.

As set out in reairtel, Miss BROWN will NOT RECORDED  
Danville and Petersburg, Va., with the advertisement 203 APR 25 1968  
of describing KING's subversive connections.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 11) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - WFO (157-1395) (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Atlanta (157-2924) (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 3 - Richmond (2 - 157-2246)
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richmond, Virginia

March 27, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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advised the American Opinion Book Store is to sponsor an address by Julia Brown on March 29, 1968, at 8 P. M. at John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia. The substance of her remarks will be the background of Dr. Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

A characterization of SCLC is attached.

The March 27, 1968, edition of the "Richmond Times-Dispatch", a daily newspaper published in Richmond, Virginia, on Page A-11, carried an advertisement regarding the above appearance of Julia Brown. This ad described Brown as one "who worked nine years as a secret operative of the FBI"; also, that she would speak about "civil rights and the frightening background of Martin Luther King". This ad stated Brown is sponsored in this appearance by the American Opinion Book Store.

It has been reported previously that Dr. King, above, will join a motorcade from Norfolk, Virginia, to Richmond, Virginia, on March 30, 1968. He will speak at a mass rally in Richmond on March 30, 1968, in an effort to generate interest in the Washington Spring Project.

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## APPENDIX

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### SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

The November 19, 1960 issue of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" reported that approximately sixty Negro church, professional and lay leaders throughout Virginia met on November 18, 1960 in Petersburg, Virginia and organized the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference (VCLC) for the purpose of "Bringing about civil rights for all."

It was pointed out that VCLC is an affiliate of the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of SCLC was reported to "redeem the soul of America by creating the beloved community through organization, by consent of population, for the purpose of creative protest by education, training, developing leadership based on Christian non-violent principles."

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MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

March 22, 1968

MR. G. C. MOORE

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing plans of the advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, pertaining to his massive civil disobedience campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign" in April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King and his key aides toured the States of Mississippi and Alabama this week in an effort to obtain enthusiasm and support for the above "Washington Spring Project." King spoke at a small town in Alabama and advised

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a group of approximately 300 that he expected approximately one-half million people to demonstrate in Washington, D. C., during this campaign. He advised that his people will not leave Washington until Congress takes appropriate action. Later in Bessemer, Alabama, King spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately 600 persons. He turned the meeting over to Hosea Williams, who advised that church buses will be used to transport recruits for the "Washington Spring Project" from various sections of the South to Washington, D. C. Upon arrival in Washington, they will set up a tent city in Lafayette Park. In conclusion Williams said, "Congress will give in or the United States will be burned down."

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Walsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, Defense, and Agriculture; Secret Service; Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Fellak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; General Services Administration; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

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1 - Mr. Wells

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has announced publicly he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital in April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King calls this campaign the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign."

On March 19 and 20, 1968, King and key members of his staff toured the State of Mississippi attempting to generate interest and support for this project.

In Jackson, Mississippi, on March 20, 1968, before an audience of approximately 400 persons, Hosea Williams, an aide to King, advised that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had just completed a strategy meeting. The date of the "Washington Spring Project" set as April 22, 1968, at Washington, D. C., has been canceled. According to Williams, King and his top leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will go to Washington, D. C., either April 23 or 24, 1968, where they intend to contact Congressional leaders, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Commerce. At this time, King will present his "Economic Bill of Rights" to the Congressional leaders and Government officials in an effort to receive assurances that legislation will be passed favorable to the Negro.

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On April 27 or 28, 1968, the people recruited for this campaign in Mississippi will arrive in Jackson for a mass meeting. They will march through the downtown section of Jackson en route to Birmingham, Alabama. At Birmingham, they will meet another group which will have completed a mass meeting and march through Birmingham. This same procedure will be adhered to in the following cities: Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina; Durham, North Carolina; and Richmond, Virginia. This group will then continue to a staging area located at Alexandria, Virginia. At the same time, groups will follow the same arrangement departing from Boston, Massachusetts; Detroit, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This latter contingent will meet at a staging area near Baltimore, Maryland. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference expects to have a total of 3,000 people in these groups who will then march on Washington and stay for at least two weeks. This original group, after two weeks, will be replaced by a second group and this will continue until enough pressure has been applied on Congress and favorable legislation is passed. A "City of Hope" or a "Shanty Town" will be built in Washington to house and feed these demonstrators. According to Williams, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will stay in Washington by continuing to send waves of people until the Democratic Convention which begins in August, 1968.

King also spoke at this meeting and expressed the same sentiments as Williams. King also stated that professional groups, professional people, and industrialists throughout the country are being contacted for donations to support this project.

After this meeting, as in the other seven meetings where King spoke, a collection was requested for funds to support this campaign. To a select group later, King expressed disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm and small donations he

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had received in the past two days in Mississippi. It was determined that a total of \$1,000 was collected from these eight rallies and there appeared to be few volunteers available to go to Washington.

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NOTE: Classified "Secret" inasmuch as the concealed sources in the above information are highly sensitive sources operating in the racial field whose disclosure would seriously damage our intelligence coverage and be injurious to the national defense.

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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. C. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advised that he will bring 3,000 of his followers to Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, to conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King calls this the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign."

During the past week, King and his key aides were in the State of Mississippi and in Alabama attempting to promote enthusiasm and support for this "Washington Spring Project." In Eufaula, Alabama, before a gathering of 500 persons, King announced that President Johnson was spending too much money in Vietnam and he should spend more money on poor people. He further advised that he expects approximately one-half million people to demonstrate in Washington, D. C., during the "Washington Spring Project." King concluded his speech by stating that his organization would not leave Washington, D. C., until Congress took appropriate action to help the plight of the Negro.

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Later in the week, King spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately 600 at a church at Bessemer, Alabama, and then turned the meeting over to one of his aides, Hosea Williams. Williams advised those present that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will use church buses to transport recruits for the "Washington Spring Project" from various cities in the South to Washington, D. C. Williams advised that Birmingham ministers have been asked to donate their church buses for this "Washington Spring Project." Upon arrival in Washington, D. C., these recruits will set up a tent city in Lafayette Park. According to Williams, the Teamsters Union will furnish all the food necessary for the demonstrators while they are in Washington, D. C. In conclusion Williams said, "Congress will give in or the United States will be burned down."



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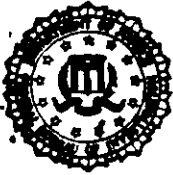


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Activity during the past week has been confined to meetings held by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in nine cities in Mississippi. The success of his recruiting is unknown at this time. It is noted he had limited response to his request for participants to take part in the Washington Spring Project (WSP) at the meetings held.

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[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised that Martin Luther King and Andrew Young had reservations on LA.-TENN. Flight 566 from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, DC on March 18, 1968, arriving Jackson, MISSISSIPPI, at 7:13 p.m. A-A  
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[REDACTED] advised that King and Young did not leave the plane during its stopover in Jackson, Mississippi. b7(D)

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[REDACTED] Martin Luther King, Jr. was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

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C Andrew Young was Executive Director of SCLC.

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<u>Town</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Batesville	11:00 a.m.	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, extended end of Penolia Avenue
Marks	12:30 p.m.	Silver Grove First Baptist Church, Hemper Street
Clarksdale	2:00 p.m.	Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 303 Carolina Street
Greenwood	3:30 p.m.	Jennings Temple Church, Avenue G Street, (changed to Elks Club).
Grenada	5:00 p.m.	First New Hope Baptist Church, Bell Street
Laurel	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street
Hattiesburg	8:30 p.m.	Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Spencer Street

Wednesday, March 20, 1968:

McComb	10:00 a.m.	Rose Hill Church in Magnolia
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Jackson

11:30 a.m.

Masonic Temple,  
1072 W. Lynch Street

SCLC - Martin Luther  
King - President

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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[REDACTED] advised that Martin Luther King, President of SCLC; Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer of SCLC; and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education of SCLC, arrived March 19, 1968, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Batesville, Mississippi, at 11:00 a.m., from Memphis, Tennessee. King spoke to a group of about 400 persons and departed at 1:20 p.m.

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[REDACTED] advised that Martin Luther King appeared at the Mount Zion Church in Batesville, Mississippi, on March 19, 1968. [REDACTED] stated that Dr. King arrived in Batesville shortly before 1 p.m. and departed Batesville shortly after 1:20 p.m. He stated that Dr. King spoke to a group of approximately 400 individuals assembled at the Mount Zion Church.

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[REDACTED] stated that Dr. King's speech centered around the forthcoming march in Washington, D.C. King encouraged individuals to participate in this matter; and the group, according to Myles, was very receptive to King.

The March 20, 1968, edition of "The Clarion-Ledger", page 7, a Jackson daily newspaper, contained an article that stated that one white man contributed a \$100 bill during Martin Luther King's appearances at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Batesville, Mississippi.

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furnished the following information:

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Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and Hosea Williams arrived at Valley Queen Baptist Church, Marks, Mississippi, at 1:45 p.m. March 19, 1968. All three spoke at that Church without incident, and they departed Marks at 2:10 p.m.

The above individuals arrived at Clarksdale, Mississippi, 3:15 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 303 Carolina, and all three spoke to 500 to 600 people until 4:30 p.m. at which time they departed en route to Greenwood.

They asked for a show of hands regarding those who would participate in the Washington Spring Project (WSP) from Clarksdale area and two persons raised their hands.

On March 19, 1968, Martin Luther King arrived at 5:30 p.m. at Greenwood, Mississippi Airport, Greenwood, Mississippi, in a twin engine Cessna 411 Charter Aircraft bearing Identification Number N3223Q.

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that King spoke to a group of approximately 475 individuals at the Jennings Temple Church, Avenue G and Ash Streets, Greenwood, Mississippi. King advised his appearance in Greenwood, Mississippi, was to recruit poor people to go to Washington, D.C. King stated that their purpose was to recruit 3,000 to 6,000 unemployed to go to Washington and stay as long as possible, with new waves of people to come in every week. King advised that after an appropriate number of people were present they were going to make a massive march to "plague" Congress.

During the speech, King requested a show of hands as to the number of individuals who would be available to go to Washington, D.C. during April, 1967.

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At approximately 7:00 p.m. King and six other individuals were observed departing Greenwood, Mississippi Airport in the above aircraft en route to Grenada, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] advised Martin Luther King, Jr. and party arrived via aircraft at the Grenada, Mississippi Airport at 7:30 p.m. March 19, 1968. King thereafter held a meeting of approximately 30 minutes at the Bellflower Baptist Church, Pearl Street, Grenada, before a group of approximately 175 - 200 individuals. King thereafter departed the Grenada Airport at 8:45 p.m. via the Cessna 411 Aircraft, registration number N3223Q, en route to Laurel, Mississippi, to hold a similar meeting. King was in the company of Hosea Williams, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Leon Wilbert Hall, Dorothy Cotton, and an MISS. unknown young Negro male.

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[REDACTED] advised that License Number 22-3381 is registered to the Bellflower Missionary Church, Grenada, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] that when King appeared before the crowd of approximately 200 individuals, he asked for support of his poor peoples march in Washington, D.C. citing necessity for this march as a request for jobs and other benefits. When King requested individuals to stand up to show their support for his project and the identity of those who would participate, approximately 30 individuals responded.

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Source stated that the crowd responding to King's meeting was small in comparison to those in the past that King and his associates had drawn, nor did King receive an overwhelming support for his proposed project.

b7(D) [REDACTED] advised that King departed Grenada Airport, Grenada, Mississippi, at 8:45 p.m. in above described plane en route to Laurel, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] that Martin Luther King arrived at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street, Laurel, Mississippi, at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 19, 1968, and delivered a 10 to 15 minute inspiring talk concerning the Washington Spring Project. King pointed out that the grandparents and parents of those present worked for nothing and as a result the present generation of Negroes have little or nothing. King warned that the grandchildren of those present will also have nothing if the Negro fails to act today and demand his God given and constitutional rights. He strongly encouraged the local Negro to rise up and join the Washington Spring Project. King explained that the purpose of the Washington Spring Project was to emphasize to the world that the American Negro, though he is an American citizen, he is not receiving the constitutional rights which are supposedly guaranteed to all American citizens but in reality are given only to American white citizens.

Source advised that the Church was crowded with approximately 300 persons and some 100 to 150 left before King's arrival as he was approximately three hours late arriving in Laurel. A collection was taken for King at the Church, the amount received unknown.

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that Martin Luther King, President, Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer, Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, Dorothy Cotton, Director



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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
of Citizenship School, and Leon Hall, Project Director for the State of Mississippi, all SCLC, arrived at the Mount Zion Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, around 12:30 a.m. March 20, 1968. King made a short speech regarding the Washington Spring Project before a crowd of 750 persons. King stated a collection of \$300 would have to be received before he would speak. The collection total was \$345.00.

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Source stated that King had a reservation for nine single rooms at the Holiday Inn South, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, cancelled his reservations, and departed Hattiesburg, Mississippi, en route to Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:14 a.m.

[REDACTED] advised that King and his party registered at the Alamo Plaza Motel at 4 a.m.

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[REDACTED] that King and his party arrived at the Masonic Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, 12:45 p.m. and he addressed a crowd estimated at about 400 persons. Source stated that King did not travel to McComb, Mississippi, which was a scheduled stop on his itinerary.

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[REDACTED] advised King and his party were greeted by Charles Evers, Director of the NAACP in the State of Mississippi, Lawrence Guyot, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a predominantly Negro political party within the State, and Geraldine Smith, State Chairman of the National Welfare Rights Organization. Hosea Williams stated the SCLC had just completed a strategy meeting and the date of the Washington Spring Project previously set as April 22, 1968, Washington, D.C., has been cancelled. He said King, Abernathy, Andrew J. Young, and other leaders of SCLC will go to Washington either April 23 or 24, 1968, where they intend to contact Congressional leaders, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary

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of Commerce, and expect to receive assurances of legislation to improve the plight of the Negro. They will present "SCLC's Economic Bill of Rights to Congressional leaders and Government officials".

On April 27 or 28, 1968, the "Beachhead Troops", people from all over Mississippi, will arrive in Jackson for a major mass meeting. They will then march through downtown Jackson and board buses provided by SCLC and will leave en route to Birmingham, Alabama. At Birmingham they will meet a group who had just completed a mass meeting and march through Birmingham and will proceed on to Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina; Durham, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; and will meet at a staging point at Alexandria, Virginia. At the same time groups will have departed from Boston, Detroit, Chicago, and Philadelphia, to staging points around Baltimore, Maryland. They expect to have a total of 3,000 people in this group who will stay in Washington for at least two weeks. Then they will be replaced by a second group and this will continue until enough pressure has been applied that Congress takes appropriate action. They will build a "City of Hope, a shantytown", in Washington, D.C., to house and feed all participants. They will stay in Washington by continuing to send waves of people until the Democratic Convention.

Abernathy and King spoke briefly and echoed same sentiments as Williams. King said professional groups, professional people, and industrialists throughout the country are being contacted for donations for this project. He did not comment on how much has been received.

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[REDACTED] This source stated that there appeared to be few volunteers available to go to Washington, D.C. Source stated that King appeared irritated over the lack of enthusiasm of his crowd at the Masonic Temple for his Washington Spring Project.

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advised that King expressed disappointment over the lack of enthusiasm and turnout for his speech at the Masonic Lodge on this date.

At 4:16 p.m., March 20, 1968, King, Abernathy, Williams, and Dorothy Cotton departed from Thompson Airport, Jackson, Mississippi, via privately owned plane as described previously, en route to Birmingham, Alabama.

The following circular was distributed in towns where King appeared:

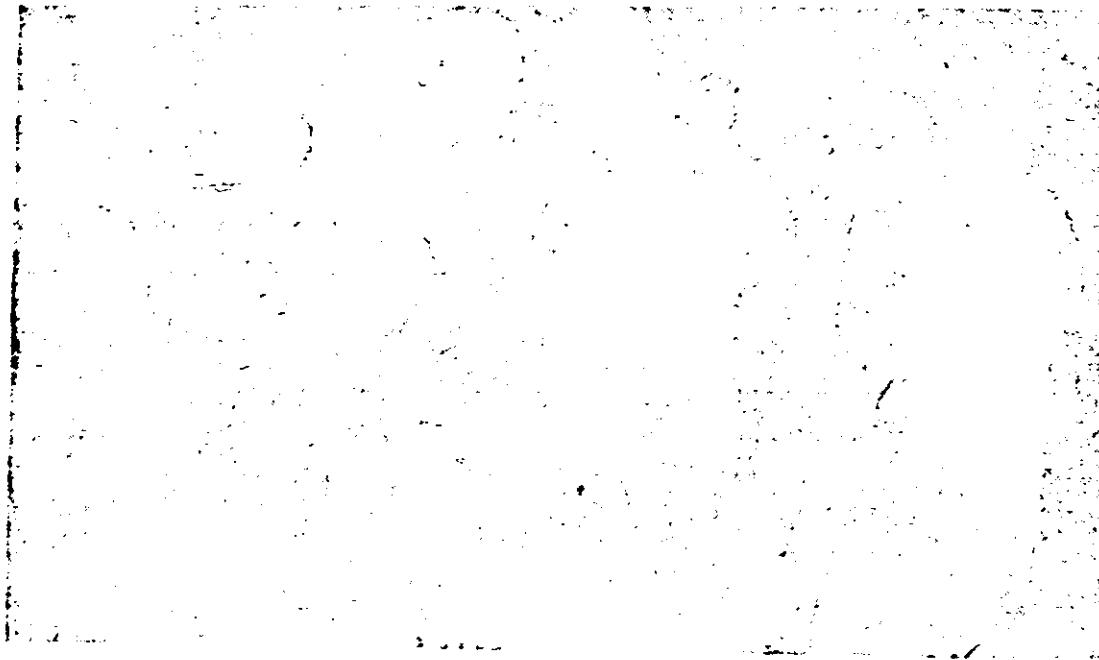
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Washington, D.C.

Spring 1968



**SCLC**

**Southern Christian Leadership Conference**

**we, the Poor People of America, demand:**

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- **The Right to a Decent Life!**

For Information:

Poor People's Campaign  
SCLC Mississippi Unit  
P.O. Box 577  
Grenada, Mississippi 38901

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Concerning Martin Luther King's visit to Mississippi,  
the following agencies were notified of his travels:

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Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol  
Jackson, Mississippi

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Jackson Police Department  
Jackson, Mississippi

[REDACTED]  
Military Intelligence Group  
Jackson, Mississippi

[REDACTED]  
Chief of Police  
Batesville, Mississippi

[REDACTED] Police  
Marks, Mississippi

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Greenwood, Mississippi

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